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The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by Rev. H. G. Hill, from Acts 16:17—"These men are the servants of the most high God, which show us the way of salvation."

After sermon, Presbytery was called to order by Rev. Archibald McQueen, the last Moderator present, and constituted with prayer.

PRESENT:

MINISTERS—Hector McLean, J. P. McPherson, D. D. McBryde, Martin McQueen, Joseph Evans, Archibald McQueen, John H. Coble, H. G. Hill, A. N. Ferguson and William S. Lacy.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED—Barbecue, Sion Harrington; Bethlehem, George L. McKay; Bethesda, D. C. Blue; Bluff, M. L. Wade; Carthage and Union, D. P. Shields; Centre, P. P. Smith; Cypress and China Grove, D. G. Smith; Flat Branch, Allen Shaw; Longstreet, Duncan Brown; Lumberton, J. A. McAlister; McPherson, J. A. McArthur; Mt. Pisgah, James S. Harrington; Sardis, Jas. P. Hodges; Sandy Grove, Neill S. Blue, and Sherwood, Duncan Davis.

ABSENT:

MINISTERS—Neill McKay, D. D., A. McMillan, Archibald Baker, James McQueen, N. T. Bowden, David Fairley and K. M. McIntyre.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED—Antioch and Philadelphus, Ashpole, Bethel, Ben-Salem, Big-Rockfish, Buffalo and Euphronia, Fayetteville, Galatia, Harmony, Iona, Laurel Hill, Laurinburgh, Lebanon, Lumber-Bridge, Mark's Creek, Macedonia, Mizpeh, Mineral Springs, Montpelier, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor, Pee Dee, Rockingham, Salem, Sharon, Smyrna, St. Paul's, St. Andrew's and Tirza.

MODERATOR AND CLERKS CHOSEN.

Rev. A. N. Ferguson was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Joseph Evans and Mr. John A. McAlister temporary Clerks.

Presbytery took recess for 30 minutes.

After recess Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of last Session was dispensed with.

Rev. David S. McAlister, of the Presbytery of Harmony, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr. William M. McGilvary, a licentiate, was, at his own request, dismissed to place himself under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with the usual testimonials.

The following churches rendered satisfactory reasons for not being represented at our last Session.

Barbecue, Bethlehem, Buffalo, Fayetteville, McPherson's, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Tabor, Sardis and Smyrna.

The Moderator announced as the Committee on Religious Exercises, Rev. D. D. McBryde and M. L. Wade.

On motion, it was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning to hear reports from Church Sessions; second order, the report on Sustentation; the first order for to-morrow afternoon, the report on Education; the second order for to-morrow afternoon, the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock Saturday morning, and the report of the Agent for Sabbath Schools the second order.

Presbytery proceeded to select the place and fix the time for the next meeting of the Presbytery, when Pee Dee church, Richmond county, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Thursday before the second Sabbath in October (11th), 1877, at 12 o'clock, M., as the time.

A communication was read from Rev. Archibald Baker, assigning a satisfactory reason for absence from our present Session.

The Stated Clerk laid before Presbytery a printed communication from the Committee of Publication, in reference to an important omission from the Book of Church Order, as sent down from the General Assembly to the Presbyteries, which was read and referred to the Special Committee on the Book of Church Order.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly of 1876, having failed to report, on motion, the Moderator was directed to appoint a new Committee on said Minutes.

The Committee appointed to visit groups of churches reported, when it appeared that in—

1st District all the churches had been visited.
2d District, no report.
3d District, all visited.
4th District, no report.
5th District, nothing done.
6th District, no visitation the past year.
7th District, all visited but Centre.
8th District, three visited.

An account of $39.43 due North Carolina Prsbyeterian Publishing Company for printing Minutes of Fall Session, was read by the Stated Clerk, and, on motion, the Treasurer of Presbytery was ordered to pay the same.

Presbytery proceeded to appoint Commissioners to the General Assembly, when Rev. William S. Lacy and Mr. James P. Hodges, Ruling Elder of Sardis church, were chosen as principals, and Rev. J. P. McPherson and Mr. M. E. Dye, Ruling Elder of Fayetteville church, as alternates.

The Report of Treasurer, Mr. George P. McNeill, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, consisting of Rev. J. H. Coble and Ruling Elder D. C. Blue.

On motion, Mr. George P. McNeill was re-elected Treasurer of Presbytery for the ensuing year.

Rev. Neill McKay, D. D., appeared in Presbytery and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness and also for absence from last Fall Sessions.

Mr. M. E. Dye, Ruling Elder of Fayetteville church, and Col. Alexander McMillan, Ruling Elder of Antioch church, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness and their reasons were enrolled.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at half-past 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

BLUFF CHURCH, April 20th, 1877.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, Rev. A. N. Ferguson was authorized to draw on Presbyterial Treasurer for $12 for expenses as Trustee of Davidson College.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, in addition to those announced yesterday:

MINUTES OF SYNOD—Rev. A. McQueen and D. P. Shields.

NARRATIVE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY—Neill McKay, D. D., and Col. A. McMillan.

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1876—D. D. McBryde and M. McQueen.

ON SESSIONAL RECORDS—Rev. William S. Lacy and Elder G. L. McKay, Records of Antioch, Ashpole, Barbecue, Bethlehem, Bethel and Sardis. Rev. Hector McLean and Elder James S. Harrington, Records of Bethesda, Ben-Salem, Bluff, Big-Rockfish, Buffalo and St. Andrew's. Rev. H. G. Hill and Elder D. G. Smith, Records of Carthage, Centre, China Grove, Cypress, Euphronia and Union. Rev. M. McQueen and Elder Sion Harrington, Records of Fayetteville, Flat Branch, Galatia, Harmony, Iona and Sherwood. Rev. A. McQueen and Elder Duncan Brown, Records of Laurel Hill, Laurinburgh, Lebanon, Longstreet and Lumber-Bridge. Rev. John H. Coble and Elder Duncan Davis, Records of Lumberton, McPherson's, Mark's Creek, Macedonia, Mizpeh and Mineral Springs. Rev. N. McKay, D. D., and Elder Allen Shaw, Records of Montpelier, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Tabor, Pee Dee and Philadelphus. Rev. D. D. McBryde and Elder P. P. Smith, Records of Rockingham, Salem, Sandy Grove, Sharon, Smyrna, St. Paul's and Tirza.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE—Joseph Evans, J. P. McPherson and Neill S. Blue.

ON CALLS AND SUPPLIES—William S. Lacy, David Fairley and Joseph A. McArthur.

On motion, the reception of reports of committees on Sessional Records was made the third order of the day for to-morrow.

Presbytery took up the first order of the day, being the reception of Sessional Reports to Presbytery, which were read and referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The following members appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, viz: Rev. David Fairley and Mr. J. M. McIver, Ruling Elder of Euphronia church.

At the request of Rev. Archibald McQueen, the pastoral relation between himself and Ashpole church (the church concurring therein unanimously through their Commissioners), was dissolved, and Rev. J. H. Coble was appointed to preach at said church on the third Sabbath in May, and declare it vacant.

Permission was granted to Rev. A. McQueen to labor one-half his time without the bounds of the Presbytery.

SUSTENTATION.

The second order of the day, being the Report of the Committee on Sustentation, was taken up.

The Report was read, accepted and approved, and the resolutions appended thereto adopted seriatim:

The Presbyterial Sustentation Committee would report as follows for the year ending April 1st, 1877:

1st. *As to Ministerial Support.*—We have connected with the Presbytery seventeen ordained Ministers and three Licentiates. Fourteen of our Ministers are fully engaged in Ministerial work and three in other employments. Two pastorates in our bounds are probably unable to give salaries of $800. The average of salaries promised laboring Ministers, outside of Fayetteville, is about $800, or the same as last year.

On account of pecuniary pressure among our people, many of our Ministers have been straitened in their circumstances, during the past year, by not having their promised salaries fully and regularly paid.

2d. *As to Contributions and Appropriations for Sustentation.*—During the year covered by this report, your Treasurer mentions twenty-eight churches as contributing to Sustentation $141.40. The number of churches contributing to this object is four less than last year, and there is a decrease in amount of $11.60. Twenty of our churches are not reported as contributing to Sustentation during the past year, though some may pay their contributions at the present meeting of Presbytery.

For the current year an appropriation of $100 has been asked from the Assembly's Committee on Sustentation, provided Presbytery employs one of our Licentiates, or some Minister, in our vacant churches. But because of scarcity of means, and because we received last year from the General Fund $200, while contributing to it less than $100, the Assembly's Committee has not been able to grant the appropriation asked. Our Licentiate, Colin A. Munroe, who was directed by Presbytery to refund a part of the $200 appropriated to him last year, corresponding to that portion of the year when he did not serve Rockingham church, has complied with this order. The sum of $66.67 refunded by him is in the hands of the Chairman and subject to the order of Presbytery.

3d. *As to Contributions and Appropriations for Evangelistic Work.*—For the financial year your Treasurer reports twenty-three churches as contributing to the Assembly's Evangelistic Fund $9.64; compared with last year this shows an increase of seven contributing churches and of $6.25. Some of our churches may not have forwarded their contributions to the Treasurer, but according to his report, the sad fact remains that twenty-five of our churches have given nothing to this important object, and that the work of Domestic Missions has received from our Presbytery a very inadequate support.

For the current year an appropriation of $100 from the Assembly's Colored Evangelistic Fund, and though the sum asked exceeds the amount given by our churches to the General Fund for Evangelistic work, yet the Assembly's Committee has granted this appropriation, and its first installment of $50 has been paid.

4th. *As to Contributions and Appropriations for Invalid Fund.*—The Treasurer reports as contributed to this fund during the year, by twenty-six churches, $114.42 ; compared with the previous year there is an increase of eight contributing churches and of $6.01. According to the Treasurer's account twenty-two of our churches have given nothing to the Invalid Fund for a year, and the whole amount furnished by our contributing churches does not equal the sum appropriated for the needy connected with our own Presbytery.

Last September your Committee asked the following appropriations :

For Mrs. Sarah D. Sherwood	$100 00
" Miss Susan E. Hogshead	25 00
In October, upon information received, a further appropriation was asked for Miss Hogshead of	50 00
The whole amount has been fully paid	$175 00

The recipients express their gratitude for the relief thus afforded.

5th. *As to Supplies for Vacant Churches.*—

Lebanon—A. N. Ferguson, one Sabbath and Sacraments.
Lumberton—A. McQueen, " " " "
Rockingham—J. H. Coble, " " " "
Longstreet—Wm. S. Lacy, " " " "
Mizpeh—A. McMillan, " " " "
Bethlehem—H. G. Hill, " " " "
Flat Branch—N. McKay, D. D., " " "

6th. *As to Amount Due L. W. Currie*—At the Spring meeting of 1876, Presbytery ordered its churches to take up a collection, during the month of May, for paying Licentiate L. W. Currie a balance of $75 due for services rendered as Evangelist and Colporteur during the year 1872. The following churches complied with this direction and contributed the sums specified: Lumberton, $3.65 ; Euphronia, $4.00 ; Buffalo, $8.00 ; Laurinburgh, $2.45 ; Bethel, $3.00 ; Laurel Hill, $3.60 ; Smyrna, $2.40 ; Fayetteville, $9 27 ; McPherson, $2.63. Nine churches have contributed $39.00; twenty-nine churches have reported no contributions, and a balance of $36.00 still remains unpaid.

The Committee would make the following recommendations:

1st. That Presbytery enjoin it upon our churches to make more vigorous efforts to meet promptly their obligations to their Ministers, and to give them such a support as will enable them to devote their whole energies to Ministerial work.

2d. That Presbytery recommend to all our church officers to procure printed envelopes for all our benevolent objects, and to distribute them among their people for making contributions at the times appointed by Presbytery and the General Assembly.

3d. That Presbytery direct all its churches that did not take up the collection ordered last Spring for settling the debt due L. W. Currie, to make a *contribution immediately*, that the Treasurer may settle with him as soon as possible.

4th. That Presbytery order these recommendations, when adopted, to be read from all our pulpits.

5th. That Presbytery order the money refunded to the Sustentation Committee by Colin A. Munroe ($66.67) to be returned to the Assembly,s Committee of Sustentation.

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. HILL, *Chairman.*

The following paper, in reference to THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN, was adopted:

WHEREAS, By recent changes in the management of THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN, the paper has passed into private hands' the Presbytery deems it fitting to take the following action: The Presbytery of Fayetteville, within whose bounds, and by the unwearied exertions of whose members, THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN was first instituted and sustained, now that it has become private property, desires to assure the Editor of our best wishes for his success, to express our unabated interest in its continued welfare, and renewedly to commend it to the moral and pecuniary support of our people.

Supplies to vacant churches reported the duty generally performed.

CHURCH ORGANIZED.

The Committee appointed to organize a church at Manchester, reported as follows:

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On the Saturday before the second Sabbath in December, 1876, the

Committee met at Manchester and organized a church called "THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT," by receiving sixteen members upon certificate from China Grove church, two members upon examination, and by installing, as Ruling Elder, Mr. Archibald K. McDiarmid, formerly an Elder of China Grove church, after he had been elected to that office by the new congregation.

H. G. HILL,
W. S. LACY,
J. P. HODGES,
Committee.

This report was accepted and adopted, and the church was enrolled and ordered to pay one-half of the present assessment upon China Grove ($15.00).

Permission was granted Lebanon church to employ Mr. Daniel A. McRae, Licentiate, one-half of his time on a salary of $175 per annum, and also to the Church of the Covenant to employ Rev. David Fairley one-fourth of his time on a salary of $300 per annum.

The request from Centre church, to change the call, was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Presbytery took recess for 30 minutes.

After recess Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

The Records of Ashpole church were approved with exceptions.

EDUCATION.

The first order of the day for this afternoon, the Report on Education, was taken up, when said report was read, amended and adopted, viz:

The Committee of Education report to the Presbytery of Fayetteville: That the two candidates for the Ministry under your care are prosecuting their studies—Mr. Frank P. Harrell in the Senior Class at Davidson College, and Mr. Lauchlin A. McLean in the Sophomore Class at Hampden Sidney College, Virginia.

Judging from the Reports sent monthly by the Faculties of these Institutions, both of these young brethren are diligent and faithful in applying themselves.

Licentiate E. Marshall Munroe spent the past year in Union Theological Seminary, completing the course on the 11th instant.

With regard to support, we report as follows: Mr. Frank P. Harrell has received $88.00 of the $150.00 appropriated by the Assembly's Committee for his use, leaving a balance of $62.00 yet to be received, which amount, if received, he states will be sufficient to defray his expenses. Mr. Lauchlin A. McLean has received $109.00 of the $150.00 appropriated, leaving a balance of $41.00 still due. He informs us that in addition to the $41.00 he will need some $50.00 to enable him to meet the demands upon him at the close of the Collegiate year, and requested us to apply to the Committee at Memphis for this amount; but in view of the straitened condition of the Assembly's Treasury, and especially of the diminished liberality of the churches within our own bounds, your Committee did not think that they would be justified in complying with his request.

Mr. E. Marshall Munroe has received the $175.00 allowed for his support; $90.00 of this amount, however, was given him by way of scholarship, $85.00 being all that he has received from Memphis. He has informed us that $25.00 more will be necessary to close up his account at the Seminary. Your Committee have applied for this amount.

The financial condition of the Education cause requires most serious consideration. Your Committee asked the Assembly's Committee for $500.00 for the young brethren under our care the first year. The Assembly's Committee granted $475.00.

According to the statement of the young brethren $550.00 will be necessary to enable them to square off their accounts, $50.00 more than we asked for, $75.00 more than was granted, $268.00 more than has as yet been received, leaving out the $90.00 scholarship received by brother Munroe, or counting this $90.00 there remains a deficiency of $192.00, a deficiency but little less than the whole amount contributed by all the churches within our bounds.

We hope that the Assembly's Committee will be able to forward this amount by the close of the Collegiate year; but it is a painful fact that the churches have not responded with that degree of liberality which the importance of the cause demands, and the work is greatly embarrassed.

Of the thirty-four churches reporting in the aggregate 3,874 members, represented by reports at this meeting of Presbytery, three churches report nothing given to this cause, thirty-one churches report an aggregate of $205.32, making 5⅓ cents nearly per member. Two churches, Sardis and China Grove, have given 34 cents per member. One church, Montpelier, has given 30 cents per member. Four churches have given 11 cents, and two churches 10 cents per member, while seventeen churches have given less than 5 cents per member.

Now it is a grave question: Is this the measure of our ability? Is it the measure of our duty? Is it the measure of our love to the Lord Jesus and His cause?

Surely, there is a solemn responsibility resting on the churches under our care, a responsibility which cannot be evaded without incurring guilt. In view of the facts above stated, your Committee recommend to the Presbytery the following resolution:

That Presbytery enjoins it upon those churches which have not contributed to this cause to do so as soon as practicable, and that efforts be made at the next annual collection for this cause to raise at least double the amount contributed heretofore,

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported as follows, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Presbytery has already complete control of their candidates for the Ministry, and that we do not now deem any change in our system of beneficiary education necessary.

The following Sessional Records were approved, viz: Bethesda, Buffalo, Bluff, Big-Rockfish, Laurinburgh, Laurel Hill, Lebanon, Iona, Fayetteville, Galatia, Sherwood, Antioch and Lumberton, and with exceptions McPherson's, Bethel, Bethlehem, Ashpole, Barbecue and Sardis.

BOOK OF ORDER AND RULES OF DISCIPLINE.

The Committee on the New Book of Church Order and Rules of Discipline submitted their Report, which was accepted and amended, and, after discussion, adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee on the New Book of Church Order and Rules of Discipline would report to Presbytery the following resolutions, viz:

1st. *Resolved*, That we deem the New Book of Church Order, adopted with certain amendments at last Fall meeting, as still capable of improvement, and think that only communing members, in good standing, should vote for church officers.

2d. *Resolved*, That we consider the New Rules of Discipline as needing some amendments; but deeming them as far better than those now in force, we recommend their adoption in their present form with a view to amend when necessary by overture to the Assembly.

The following resolution was also adopted, viz:

Resolved, That, regarding the New Book of Church Order as much superior to the old one, we prefer that it should be adopted in its present form with the exception of making needful changes in future, rather than that it should now be rejected by the Presbyteries.

On motion, permission was granted to Mr. E. Marshall Munroe, Licentiate, to labor without our bounds.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have four hundred copies of the Minutes of our present sessions published in pamphlet form.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies submitted their report, which was adopted. It is as follows:

That Rev. J. P. McPherson be permitted to supply McPherson church one-third of the time on a salary of $225.00 per annum; Galatia church one-third of the time on a salary of $266.66, and Lumber-Bridge church one-third of the time on a salary of $266.66. That Rev. Joseph Evans preach at Mount Tabor church on the afternoon of every third Sabbath on a salary of $100; that permission be granted to the same to supply Sherwood church on the forenoon of every third Sabbath on a salary of $250.00. That Rev. D. D. McBryde supply Sardis church one-half his time on a salary of $300.00. That Rev. John H. Coble supply Laurinburgh church one-half his time on a salary of $500.00; also to supply Bethel church one-fourth of his time on a salary of $250.00. and Montpelier church one-fourth of his time on a salary of $250.00. That Rev. A. N. Ferguson supply Smyrna church one-half of his time on a salary of $400.00. That Rev. David Fairley supply the Church of the Covenant one-fourth of his time on a salary of $300.00, and that Rev. M. McQueen supply Bethesda church one-fourth of his time on a salary of $200.00.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

BLUFF CHURCH, April 21st, 1877.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Orange, in reference to pastoral relations, was read, when it was

Resolved, That this Presbytery does not deem it necessary to take any action in reference to Fraternal Relations.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. It is as follows:

The Report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence to the Presbytery of Fayetteville for the year ending April 1st, 1877:

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows: That of the forty-nine churches under the care of the Presbytery, thirty-five have sent up "Statistical Reports" and twenty-one "Sessional Reports" on Systematic Beneficence.

The following churches have not sent up their Statistical Reports: Tirza, Mount Carmel, Mark's Creek, Harmony, Mineral Spring, Pee Dee, Sharon, Macedonia, Ben-Salem, Rockingham and Mizpeh.

Complete Reports have been sent up by the following: Bethesda, Laurinburgh, Bethel. Big-Rockfish, Galatia, Smyrna, Buffalo, St. Paul's, McPherson's, Centre, Euphronia, Iona, Sherwood, St. Andrew's, Union, Longstreet, Lumberton, Philadelphus, Antioch and Mount Tabor (20), and the Church of the Covenant as complete a report as could be expected from one so recently organized.

The following were written in whole or in part with a pencil: Sandy Grove, Bluff, Sardis, Cypress and McPherson.

In the following nothing is reported in regard to Pastors' salary paid: Flat Branch and Mount Pisgah.

The following report nothing in connection with Sabbath Schools: Mount Pisgah, Cypress, Bluff, Barbecue and Laurel Hill. China fails to report the total of communicants.

The following fail to report apportionments: Sardis, Presbyterial; Lumber-Bridge, Publication; Mount Pisgah, Evangelistic, Invalid Fund and Presbyterial; Lebanon, Foreign Missions; Sandy Grove, Evangelistic and Invalid Fund; Barbecue, nothing only the Presbyterial Assessment; Bethlehem, Invalid Fund and Foreign Missions; Ashpole, Invalid Fund, Education, Publication and Presbyterial.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH EVANS, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the Narrative to the General Assembly submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to forward a copy to the General Assembly:

The Committee on the Narrative report that the following facts and figures will indicate to the General Assembly the state of religion in the churches within the bounds of the Presbytery of Fayetteville: Of the forty-nine churches under the care and control of this Presbytery, only one claims and enjoys the entire services of a Minister, one three-fourths, two two-thirds and four one-third of a Minister's time each—by far the greater part of the churches having the preaching of the Word and the privileges of the sanctuary only once in three weeks, quite a number once in a month, while a few are vacant, with only an occasional Sabbath service.

Reports to the present Sessions of Presbytery from thirty-five churches, including the largest and most efficient, show that not more than one or two have met their pecuniary obligations to their respective Ministers, a large number have fallen greatly in arrears, while a few give almost nothing to the support of the Gospel and the benevolent operations of the Church.

Under such discouragement and consequent embarrassment, only three of the Ministers of the Presbytery are reported as not actively engaged in their professional work. One hundred and seventy additions are reported during the past year.

Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools have been maintained in many of the churches. The mohthly concert has been observed and prayer-meetings held by a few of the churches.

In making this candid and humiliating report, the Presbytery look with confidence and hope to the Head of the Church for the forgiveness of all sin, and for that godly sorrow for our shortcomings in duty which needeth not to be repented of.

The Committee appointed to prepare a biographical sketch of Rev. T. L. DeVeaux, submitted the following report, which was accepted, the biographical sketch ordered to be copied into the book kept for that purpose, and the resolutions appended thereto adopted, viz:

Resolved, 1st. That in the death of Rev. T. L. DeVeaux, our Church has sustained a great loss.

2d. That Presbytery has cause to mourn for him as a loving friend and brother in the Gospel.

3d. That The North Carolina Presbyterian has sustained an irreparable loss.

4th. That Mrs. DeVeaux, his widow, be furnished with a copy of this paper and resolutions.

On motion, the first order of the day for this hour was temporarily postponed.

The Records of Sandy Grove, Flat Branch, Smyrna, St. Paul's, with exceptions, Union, Carthage and Euphronia, as unusually full and satisfactory, and Cypress, with with exceptions, were approved.

PUBLICATIONS.

The report of the Agent on this subject was read, accepted and recommitted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report on this subject was read by the Agent, Rev. Martin McQueen, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Agent, in presenting his report, would state that there has been no marked change in our Missionary field for the past six months.

The general outlook of our Missionary work is painfully perplexing and gloomy—with a debt of nearly ten thousand dollars hanging over our Church; over seventy laborers in the field requiring at least $75.00 for their support, and the contributions of the churches have fallen off the past year, till they will hardly reach $65,000. In addition to our financial embarrassment, Rev. Mr. Lecompt has been called to his rest. Rev. Mr. Houston, on acconnt of declining health, has resigned his place as a Missionary to China, and, for the same cause, Rev. Mr. Colton and Mrs. Colton and Mrs. Pratt have been compelled to retire from the field. And although the urgent call for more laborers comes up from all the stations to fill up the depleted ranks of our Missionaries, and brethren have come forward saying, "Here are we, send us;" yet for want of means (with the exception of Mr. Reid to take the place of brother Colton at Spencer Academy), we have not been able to send out a single Missionary for over two years.

Nor is it less sad that, with all these facts before the Church, Ministers and members are as indifferent to the calls of the Divine Master as was a sleeping Jonah to the storm that raged around him.

Out of our forty-eight churches, only sixteen have reported contributions to this cause during the past year, leaving thirty-two, which gave nothing. The sixteen contributing churches gave $249.90,; Ladies' Missionary Societies raised $371.40, Mission Schools $64 80, Miscellaneous $42.91—in all, $728.88. This is $441.88 less than our Presbytery gave last year. This is certainly cause for deep humiliation and confession before God.

Still we are not without cause for gratitude and hope that these clouds may pass away.

God has been with our Missionaries in the field, and has greatly blessed their efforts to extend His Kingdom. And when our churches and Christian men seem to desert the Master's cause, our Christian women are coming to the rescue, and have raised $121.50, more than the churches, during the past year. As they were the last to leave the Cross, so, it seems, they will be the last to forsake the Saviour's cause.

Resolved, That the Agent for Foreign Missions be required to inform Presbytery as to which are the delinquent churches, and that the Pastors and stated supplies be required to inform Presbytery why they have failed to take up collections for this cause during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. McQUEEN, *Agent.*

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. N. McKay, D. D., and Alex. Shaw, Sion Harrington and James S. Harrington.

Mr. John A. McAlister was elected a Trustee of Davidson College for four years, and was authorized to draw on the Treasurer of Presbytery for $12.00 to pay his expenses.

PUBLICATION.

The Agent for Publication, Rev. David Fairley, again presented his report, which was accepted, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The leading instrumentality for the propagation of truth and for the conversion of the world is the Christian Ministry. Next to it in importance and efficiency is the Religious Press. These two agencies most happily co-operate in the dissemination of the truth and the success of the Gospel. The circulation of an evangelical literature tends to cultivate a fondness for reading, to remove prejudice, to impart solid instruction, and to awaken a desire for the preached Word. The Publication cause is a power in the Church, and no other agency can supply its work. It is therefore justly entitled to the patronage and support, to the sympathy and prayers of the Church.

It is a mistaken notion that the Publication cause is in no need of funds, that the profits on business should sustain it. While its endowment is still incomplete, its Publishing House unpaid for, how can it be a self-sustaining Institution? Being only partly furnished, its work is necessarily retarded.

Much assistance could be rendered to the Committee by supplying our private and public libraries with their publications and by employing an efficient Colporteur to carry them to every house within our bounds.

To this cause $59.26 have been contributed during the first year by twenty-two churches; more than half of our churches have done nothing.

There is in the hands of the Treasurer for Colportage $71.63; only five churches have contributed during the past year. Therefore—

Resolved, 1st. That this Presbytery hear the injunction of the General Assembly requiring its churches to take special pains to secure from the churches within our bounds a more liberal contribution to the general cause of Publication.

Resolved, 2d, That Presbytery instruct its churches to take up an annual collection for Colportage work within our bounds during the month of August.

Respectfully submitted,

D. FAIRLEY, *Agent.*

The pastoral relation between Rev. David Fairley and Cypress church was dissolved at his request, the church concurring therein, and Rev. M. McQueen was appointed to preach there and declare said church vacant Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in May, 1877.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was accepted, approved and ordered to be published in the Appendix.

The Records of Centre church were approved, with exceptions.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical Report to the General Assembly, which was approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to that body. It is as follows:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully report to the General Assembly, that they consist of seventeen Ministers, and have under their care forty-nine churches, three licentiates and two candidates; that on the 23d day of May, 1876, they lost, by death, Rev. Thomas L. DeVeaux; that on the 20th day of April, 1877, they dismissed, at his own request, Mr. William M. McGilvary, to place himself under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery; that on the same day they received under their care the Church of the Covenant, and on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Archibald McQueen and Ashpole church and declared said church vacant, and on the 21st day of April, 1877, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. David Fairley and Cypress church and declared said church vacant.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

He also presented the Annual Report to the General Assembly, which was approved and a copy ordered to be sent to said body. [See Appendix.]

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Presbytery are due, and are hereby tendered, to the congregation of Bluff church for their generous hospitality to the members during our present Sessions, and that their Pastor, Rev. D. D. McBryde, read this resolution from the pulpit at such time as he may think best.

The Treasurer was instructed to forward all the funds on hand for the cause of Publication, to be applied to the liquidation of the debt of the Publishing House.

ORDERS ON TREASURER.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for $65.00 to pay the expenses of each of our Commissioners to the General Assembly, $90.00 to pay assessment to the General Assembly, and $70.00 to pay assessment of Synod.

The Roll was called, when it appeared that the fast day appointed by Synod last Fall was not generally observed, owing to the inclemency of the weather.

The Agent of Sabbath Schools, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, submitted his report, which was approved and a copy ordered to be sent to the General Assembly, and the resolutions appended thereto were adopted, as follows:

Resolved, 1st, That the Presbytery recommends to the churches under its care to provide Sabbath School instruction, if practicable, for the baptized youth of their congregations, and especially in the remote and more destitute parts of their bounds, as a means of aggressive and missionary enterprise.

2d. That it be recommended to our Sabbath Schools to take up penny collections for the benevolent enterprises of the Church, especially to Foreign Missions, and to aid in the accomplishment of this, it is recommended that the support of the Sabbath Schools be defined as a part of the Church expenses.

3d. That Rev. Messrs. William S. Lacy, David Fairley and H. G. Hill be appointed a Committee to make arrangements for a Sabbath School Convention between this time and the next meeting of Presbytery.

[*For the above Report see Appendix.*]

Reports from the Professors of Union Theological Seminary, in reference to the good standing of E. Marshall Munroe, our Licentiate, were read.

The Minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Pee Dee church, Richmond county, N. C., on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, 1877, at 12 M.

Closed with singing, prayer and Apostolic benediction.

J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance report to Presbytery that the following funds, for the objects specified, have been received at this meeting:

Presbyterial $240 80, Evangelistic 15 44, Invalid Fund 17 44, Publication 25 83, Education 47 74, Foreign Missions 43 21, Sustentation 61 43, which, added to balance per Treasurer's report, makes, for Presbyterial $299 56, Evangelistic 30 84, Invalid Fund 37 54, Publication 66 22, Education 80 58, Foreign Missions 86 40, Sustentation 78 03. Total $679 17.

In addition to this, there is in the Treasurer's hands $71 63 for Colportage; also 4 00 (special collection) for L. W. Currie.

Your Committee have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

As to assessments, your Committee recommend that the churches be assessed for the present year according to the table on page 23, of Standing Rules, and the Church of the Covenant be assessed $5 00, which is to be deducted from assessment on China Grove; and we also report that thirty-four churches are still due the Presbyterial Fund the amount of $315 05 for the year ending April 1st, 1877, which amount would be increased by adding the delinquencies of former years.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to correspond with all delinquent churches and inform them of the amount of their delinquencies to the Presbyterial Fund, and that the said churches be required to remit the assessments forthwith to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SUSTENTATION.

From April 1, 1876, to April 1, 1877—Bethel $3 00, Bluff 2 75, Bethesda 3 65, Buffalo $24 00, Big-Rockfish 6 00, Bethlehem 1 76, China Grove 10 00, Carthage 5 00, Galatia, 3 39, Iona 1 00, Lebanon 1 85, Lumber-Bridge 2 60, Laurel Hill 16 75, Montpelier 1 00, Mount Carmel 50 00, Macedonia 1 25, Mt. Pisgah 1 00, Mt. Tabor 4 00, Philadelphus 1 25, Pee Dee 2 00, Sardis 16 67, Sharon 1 00, Sandy Grove 4 85, Smyrna 4 00, St. Andrew's 5 00, St. Paul's 6 85. Tirza 2 50, Union 6 78.
Total $140 40
Amount remitted to date.. 124 80

Balance on hand...$ 15 60

EDUCATION.

Antioch $2 70, Bethel 2 65, Big-Rockfish 5 00, Bluff 6 25, Bethlehem 1 10, Carthage 10 00, China Grove 10 00, Galatia 3 66, Iona 1 00, Lumber-Bridge 3 00, Lumberton 4 55, Montpelier 1 00, Mt. Tabor 6 00, Macedonia 1 00, Mt. Pisgah 1 00, Mineral Spring 2 40, Pee Dee 4 00, Sherwood 6 00, Sardis 22 84, Sandy Grove 2 00, St. Paul's 12 00, Salem 2 00, St. Andrew's 5 00, Tirza 5 60. Total.................. ....$120 75
Amount remitted to date.. 87 91

Balance on hand...$ 32 84

COLPORTAGE.

Euphronia $6 00, Lebanon 75 cents, Laurinburgh 3 51, Philadelphus 1 00. Total..$11 26

Making the amount to credit Colportage..............................$67 63

EVANGELISTIC.

Antioch $1 60, Buffalo 8 90, Bethesda 6 15, Bluff 7 00, Big-Rockfish 2 00, Bethlehem 1 10, Center 7 40, Fayetteville 4 55, Flat Branch 2 19, Galatia 6 55, Iona 1 00, Lumber-Bridge 3 50, Lumberton 1 68, Laurel Hill 8 75, Montpelier 1 00, Mt. Carmel 55 cents, Macedonia 1 00, Min-

eral Spring 1 17, Pee Dee 3 15, Rockingham 2 00, Smyrna 4 00, Sardis 15 40, Salem 1 00. Total..$91 64
Amount remitted to date.. 76 24

Balance on hand...$15 40

PUBLICATION.

Big-Rockfish $3 00, Bluff 2 80, Bethlehem 2 25, Bethesda 3 65, Carthage 5 00, China Grove 10 00, Galatia 2 00, Iona 1 00, Lebanon 2 10, Montpelier 1 00, Mt. Tabor 2 00, Macedonia 75 cents, Mt. Pisgah 1 00, Pee Dee 3 55, Philadelphus 1 00, Sardis 7 99, St. Paul's 1 00, Sherwood 2 00, Sharon 1 25, Sandy Grove 1 95, St. Andrew's 2 00, Tirza 2 00. Total...$59 29
Amount remitted to date.. 18 90

Will be remitted first week in May..$40 39

Bethel $3 00, Buffalo 8 00, Euphronia 4 00, Fayetteville 9 27, Lumberton 3 65, Laurinburgh 2 45, Laurel Hill 3 60, McPherson 2 63, Smyrna 2 40. Total...$39 00
Amount remitted to L. W. Currie.. 35 00

Balance on hand...$ 4 00

INVALID FUND.

Antioch $2 00, Buffalo 9 65, Bethesda 2 80, Big-Rockfish 10 00, Bethel 1 00, Bluff 7 00, Center 7 40, China Grove 10 00, Galatia 2 10, Iona 1 00, Laurel Hill 6 40, Lumberton 6 80, Lebanon 1 62, Lumber-Bridge 95 cents, Montpelier 1 00, Mt. Tabor 3 00, Macedonia 65 cents, Mineral Spring 1 40, Pee Dee 5 10, Philadelphus 1 25, Sherwood 3 00, Smyrna 2 20, St. Andrew's 4 00, Salem 3 00, St. Paul's 8 00, Sardis 13 10. Total...$114 42
Amount remitted to date.. 94 32

Balance on hand...$ 20 10

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Bethel $7 00, Big-Rockfish 10 00, Bluff 6 00, Buffalo 28 50, China Grove 12 06, Euphronia 29 00, Flat Branch 1 16, Fayetteville 16 75, Galatia 1 65, Iona 1 00, Lebanon 3 60, Lumberton 6 45, Laurel Hill 9 70, Lumber-Bridge 2 81, Montpelier 2 00, Mt. Tabor 1 00, Mt. Carmel 3 25, Mt. Pisgah 1 00, Mineral Spring 4 10, Pee Dee 5 30, Presbyterial collections 18 96, Rockingham 2 75, St. Paul's 24 00, Sherwood 1 00, Smyrna 7 40, St. Andrew's 4 00, Sandy Grove 4 80, Sardis 7 40, Salem 2 00, Tirza 2 25, Laurinburgh Sabbath School—Walter and John McEachern, each 1 00. Total..$128 89
Amount remitted to date.. 85 70

Balance on hand...$ 43 19

PRESBYTERIAL.

Antioch $25 50, Ashpole 9 60, Bethel 12 00, Big-Rockfish 15 00, Bethesda 12 00, Buffalo 30 00, Ben-Salem 5 00, Barbecue 4 00, Bluff 10 72, Carthage 15 50, Center 20 00, China Grove 15 00, Flat Branch 3 00, Galatia 15 00, Iona 8 00, Lumberton 18 76, Lumber-Bridge 10 00, Laurinburgh 10 00, Laurel Hill 20 00, Montpelier 3 00, Mt. Tabor 5 00, Mt. Carmel 4 50, Mt. Pisgah 6 00, Mineral Spring 10 00, Macedonia 5 00, McPherson 10 00, Pee Dee 10 00, Philadelphus 3 75, St. Paul's 18 00, Sherwood 8 00, Salem 5 00, Smyrna 16 00, Sardis 8 00, Sandy Grove 6 05, Sharon 6 00, St. Andrew's 8 00, Tirza 10 00, Union 24 00.

Total	$425 38
Balance from 1876 report	36 52
	$461 90

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Paid Rev. D. D. McBryde by order of Presbytery	$15 00	
" bill N. C. Presbyterian printing Minutes	45 01	
" Mr. D. C. McIntyre, Com. to Gen. Assembly	25 00	
" salary Stated Clerk to Oct., 1876	25 00	
" salary Treasurer to Oct., 1876 (one year)	50 00	
" bill N. C. Presbyterian printing Minutes	67 77	
" Rev. K. McIntyre, Com. to Gen. Assembly	25 00	
" " " " extra allowance	10 00	
" assessment General Assembly	90 00	
" salary Stated Clerk to April, 1877	25 00	
" salary Treasurer Presbytery to April, 1877	25 00	—$402 78
Balance on hand		$ 59 12

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports to the General Assembly that it consists of 17 Ministers, and has under its care 49 Churches, 3 Licentiates, and 2 Candidates, viz:

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Post Offices.		Churches.	Officers		Communicants.			Baptized.				Funds Collected.									
				Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adult.	Infant.	No. of Baptized Non-Communi'cts.	Children in Sabbath School & Bible Classes	Sustentation.	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	For'n Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Presbyterial.	Pastors' Salaries Actually Paid.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
Hector McLean, P	Melrose, Robeson Co.,	N. C.	Antioch, P	6	3	7	5	130		7	80	28	$ 2 35	$ 1 60	$ 2 00	$ 1 75	$ 2 70	$ 2 00		$ 64 50		$ 7 75
" " P	" "	"	Philadelphus, P	6	4		2	80		3	46	25	1 00	1 00	1 25	4 00	1 00	2 00	$ 7 00	81 42		2 40
James P. McPherson, S. S.	Fayetteville,	"	McPherson's, S. S	3	4	2	1	80		4	48	38	3 58	7 91	3 94	7 18	3 22	4 00	10 00	218 00	$ 4 00	
" " "	"	"	Galatia, S. S.	5	4	1	1	108		5	47	40	3 39	6 55	2 10	1 65	3 66	2 00	11 48	253 50		
" " "	"	"	Lumber Bridge, S. S	4	4	[illegible]	1	83		1	50	20	2 60	3 50	95	2 81	3 00		10 00	206 95	8 76	2 15
Neill McKay, D. D., W. C.	Summerville,	"																				
Andrew McMillan, W. C.	Rockingham,	"																				
Archibald Baker, P	Shoe Heel,	"	Centre, P	9	6	23	1	218	2	10	152	193	50 60	6 61	6 61	139 80	25 00	10 00	20 00	600 00	86 81	215 00
D. D. McBryde, P	Little River Academy,	"	Bluff, P	5	6	3		155		1			4 75	7 00	6 00	6 25	5 80	10 72		253 22	90 00	
" S. S.	" " "	"	Sardis, S. S	3	3	4	3	67	1	5		20	16 67	15 40	13 10	59 40	22 84	7 99		350 00	27 00	
Martin McQueen, P.	Carthage,	"	Carthage, P	7	6	[illegible]		153		4	20	30	3 00	4 00	1 00	13 00	6 00	3 00	15 00	213 00		
" " P.	"	"	Union, P	8	6	[illegible]	2	300		13	130	125	3 00	2 55	3 00	47 45	6 00	3 00	24 00	200 00	3 70	
" " S. S.	"	"	Bethesda, S. S	4	2	6		114		2	43	24	3 65	3 15	2 80	38 50	4 00	3 65	12 00	178 25		
Joseph Evans, P	St. Paul's,	"	St. Paul's, P	5	4	4		147	3	12		80	5 85	1 00	8 00	24 00	12 00	1 00	18 00	358 00	6 00	5 00
" " P	"	"	Big Rockfish, P	5	5	5	1	122	2	6		30	5 00	1 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	10 00	225 00	10 00	
" " S. S.	"	"	Mt. Tabor, S. S	3	1	7	2	45	2	1		22	1 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	95 50		
" " S. S.	"	"	Sherwood, S. S	2		24		49	15	4		50	1 00		6 00	8 00	5 00	1 00	8 00	250 00		
James McQueen, W. C.	Swan's Station,	"																				
N. T. Bowden, W. C.	Morven,	"																				
Archibald McQueen, P.	Shoe Heel,	"	Iona, P	5	3	7	1	108	6	6	12	50	1 83	1 83	1 83	1 90	1 83	1 83	10 00	250 00		
John H. Coble, S. S	Laurinburgh,	"	Laurinburgh, S. S	6	3	[illegible]	4	84		8	53	24	4 15	2 45	7 41	12 40	8 61	1 96	10 00	475 60	1 89	18 60
" " S. S.	"	"	Bethel, S. S	7	2	9	1	92	1	15	3	56	1 00	3 00		1 00	7 00	2 65	2 30	275 00	77 00	
" " S. S.	"	"	Montpelier, S. S	1			8	13		4	1	18	2 00	2 00	2 00	10 40	3 91	2 00	3 00	258 25	60 00	
H. G. Hill, P	Fayetteville,	"	Fayetteville, P	6	6	11	3	184	6	8		185	17 30	6 60	4 55	748 98	5 10	7 40	32 00	925 00	1,039 83	14 65
David Fairley, P	Manchester,	"	China Grove, P	1		1			2	2	12		10 00	10 00	10 00	22 00	11 00	10 00	15 00	300 00		
" " S. S.	"	"	Sandy Grove, S. S	5	4	[illegible]		63	1	6	56	25	4 85			4 60	2 00	1 95	5 50	170 00		
" " S. S.	"	"	Church of the Covenant, S. S	1		[illegible]	18	20			6	7				16 61						
A. N. Ferguson, P	Laurinburgh,	"	Laurel Hill, P	5	5	[illegible]		219	3	3			16 75	10 70	6 45	9 70	15 60	5 00	20 00	300 00		14 65
" " S. S.	"	"	Smyrna, S. S	5	4	[illegible]		104	1	2		40	4 00	6 40	2 20	6 55	5 80	2 60	16 00	322 00		9 75
K. M. McIntyre, P	Butler's Ford,	"	Mineral Spring, P					135														
William S. Lacy, P 17	Jonesboro,	"	Buffalo, P	11	8	[illegible]	1	243	2	9	93	235	4 00	17 00	10 00	127 00	10 00	13 00	30 00	546 00	82 00	20 00
" " P	"	"	Euphronia, P	7	5	[illegible]		110		5	65	55	16 00	16 00	4 60	74 00	12 00	5 00	12 00	333 00	7 00	8 00
			Ashpole, V	12	6			253		5		48	5 85	2 05		18 10				540 95		42 00
			St. Andrew's, V	6	3	[illegible]	1	104	1	5	59	28	5 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	2 00	8 00	182 75		10 00
			Barbecue, V	3	5	2	1	89		1									4 00			
			Mt. Pisgah, V	4	2	1	3	45					1 00			1 00	1 00	1 00				
Licentiate, David A. McRae, S. S.	Melrose, Robeson, Co.,	"	Lebanon, S. S	3	1	[illegible]	8	32		6	19	35	1 25	2 50	1 62		2 50	1 25	5 00	229 00	7 50	75
			Lumberton, V	3	2	[illegible]		45	1		40	20	5 00	5 55	5 80	34 55	4 55	3 43	18 00	266 66		5 50
			Ben-Salem, V	4	4	[illegible]		100		2		26	1 00	00	1 00	5 00	3 00	1 00		100 00		
			Pee Dee, V	3		1		21	1	1			4 70	65	1 50	7 50	10 00	4 70	10 00	200 00		
			Macedonia, V	5	3	1		100		5		15	1 00			2 00	1 20	1 00		50 00		
			Flat Branch, V	4	2		3	46		2		20	1 00	19	1 16	2 00	1 00		3 00			
			Bethlehem, V	1				10					1 76	10			1 00	2 25		25 00	4 00	
			Longstreet, V	4	4	1		58	1	3	12	20	2 24	19	2 18	2 20	2 20	2 18	10 00	60 00		
			Cypress, V	5	4	2	1	80		9	100		2 00	00	1 00	5 00	2 00	1 80		100 00		
			Salem, V					30														
			Tirza, V					50														
			Mt. Carmel, V					55														
			Mark's Creek, V					30														
			Harmony, V					56														
			Sharon, V					75														
			Rockingham, V					9														
Licentiates.			Mizpeh, V 49					14														
Colin A. Munroe	Crystal Spring,	Miss.																				
E. Marshall Munroe 3	Fayetteville,	N. C.																				
Candidates—																						
				192	134	16	72	4528	51	185	1231	1632	235 12	161 28	135 45	1483 48	226 52	126 36	364 28	9456 55	1515 49	376 20

Licensures, none; Ordinations, none; Installations, none; Pastoral Relations dissolved, 2; Churches organized, 1 Churches dissolved, none; Churches received from other denominations, none; Churches dismissed to other denominations, none; Ministers received from other denominations, none; Ministers dismissed to other denominations, none; The Rev. Thomas L. DeVeaux has been removed by death since our last report.

By order of the Presbytery

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Stated Clerk
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MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY

-OF-

FAYETTEVILLE,

ONE HUNDRED
AND FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION,

OCTOBER, 1891,

AT DUNN, N. C.

MINUTES

OF

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT FAYETTEVILLE,

JUNE 29 AND 30, 1891.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION,

AT DUNN, OCTOBER 7-10, 1891.

THE ADJOURNED MEETINGS AT SYNOD,

IN DURHAM, NOVEMBER 11-14, 1891.

THE ADJOURNED MEETING AT MAXTON,

DECEMBER 15-16, 1891.

WITH AN APPENDIX.

LUMBERTON, N. C.:
ROBESONIAN PUBLISHING HOUSE,
—1891.—

ADJOURNED

MEETING AT FAYETTEVILLE.

MONDAY, 4 P. M., June 29th, 1891.

Presbytery was called to order according to adjournment by Rev. P. R. Law, the last Moderator present, and opened with prayer.

ROLL.*

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
T. P. Barclay,	S. C. Rankin,	Fayetteville.
J. M. Clark,	J. R. Watson,	Jonesboro.
P. R. Law,		
M. McG. Shields. 2		

Rev. J. M. Clark was chosen Temporary Clerk.

CALLS FROM BUFFALO, JONESBORO AND POCKET CHURCHES.

The calls of Buffalo, Jonesboro and Pocket churches for the pastoral services of Licentiate D. N. McLauchlin, as follows: At Buffalo for one-fourth of his time, plus the fifth Sabbaths, on a salary of two hundred and forty-seven dollars and fifty cents a year; at Jonesboro for one-fourth of his time, plus one Sabbath evening service a month, on a salary of two hundred and forty-two dollars a year; at Pocket for one-fourth of his time on a salary of one hundred and eighty-two dollars a year, were found in order and placed in his hands.

LICENTIATE McLAUCHLIN EXAMINED.

Licentiate McLauchlin signified his willingness to accept the foregoing calls, and Presbytery resolved to examine him with a view to his ordination.

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* The figure after each name shows the day of arrival and enrollment, after rendering satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

The order of the day for hearing his trial sermon was fixed for 8:30 o'clock to-night, and II Cor. 12:10, "When I am weak then am I strong," was assigned him as a text. Rev. J. M. Clark and Rev. M. McG. Shields were appointed to examine the Candidate on Hebrew and Greek.

On motion, the whole Presbytery proceeded as a committee to examine the Candidate on experimental religion, philosophy, theology, ecclesiastical history, his knowledge of the doctrine of the sacraments and the principles and rules of the government and discipline of the church, and all of these examinations were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

REV. T. P. BARCLAY DISMISSED.

Rev. T. P. Barclay asked Presbytery to order the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and Fayetteville Church the first of August. Fayetteville Church expressed its concurrence in the request through its Commissioner, Elder S. C. Rankin. The relation was ordered to be dissolved as requested, and Rev. D. D. McBryde was appointed to preach to the church and declare it vacant.

A letter of dismission was ordered to be issued to Rev. T. P. Barclay, at his own request, to join the Presbytery of Montgomery in the Synod of Virginia.

Presbytery receded from business until 8:30 P. M.

8:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Presbytery was called to order.

CANDIDATE McLAUCHLIN'S EXAMINATION RESUMED.

Candidate McLauchlin's trial sermon was heard, and after roll call for criticisms it was, on motion, sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

Rev. J. M. Clark, of the committee to examine the Candidate on Hebrew and Greek, reported that he had been examined on these studies and found qualified.

The report was received and approved as satisfactory.

The examinations of the Candidate were sustained as a whole.

THE ORDINATION ORDERED.

It was resolved that the Candidate be ordained to-morrow at 10:30 A. M., and that Rev. P. R. Law be appointed to preach the sermon and preside during the ordination services.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10:30 A. M. Closed with prayer by Rev. M. McG. Shields.

SECOND DAY.

TUESDAY, June 30th, 1891.

Presbytery was called to order according to adjournment, and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended and approved.

CANDIDATE McLAUCHLIN ORDAINED.

Candidate McLauchlin was ordained to the full work of the Ministry, according to the requirements of Capter VI, Section V, paragraph 119 of the Book of Church Order.

REV. D. N. McLAUCHLIN'S INSTALLATION ORDERED.

The following order was made for the installation of Rev. D. N. McLauchlin as pastor of Buffalo, Jonesboro and Pocket churches:

1. That he be installed pastor at Buffalo Church Friday, at 11 A. M. before the first Sabbath in August; Rev. J. W. Johnston to preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. J. M. Clark to charge the pastor and Rev. M. McG. Shields the people.
2. That he be installed pastor of Jonesboro Church Friday evening before the first Sabbath in August, the same ministers performing the same offices as at Buffalo.
3. That he be installed pastor at Pocket Church at 11 A. M., Friday before the second Sabbath in August, Rev. D. Fairley to preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. W. F. Thom to charge the pastor and Rev. D. D. McBryde to charge the people.

SALEM CHURCH SUPPLIED.

Rev. D. N. McLauchlin was granted permission to supply Salem Church one-fourth of his time, less one monthly Sabbath afternoon service, on terms agreeable to the church and himself, until the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Dunn Church at 12 M., October 7th 1891.

Closed with prayer, singing and Apostolic Benediction.

P. R. LAW,
Moderator.

J. M. CLARK,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AT DUNN, N. C.

Wednesday, October 7th, 1891.

Presbytery met according to adjournment at 12 M. in the Dunn Presbyterian Church, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. P. R. Law, from I Timothy, 1 : 11, "According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust."

The Presbytery was then constituted with prayer by Rev. P. R. Law, the last Moderator present.

THE ROLL.

The following members were present during the sessions of Presbytery: *

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
D. D. McBryde,	Neill N. McFadyen,	Bethel,
A. McQueen,	A. L. McLean,	Big Rockfish.
D. Fairley,	W. J Smith.	Bluff,
H. G. Hill, D. D.,	Dr. John Shaw,	Carthage,
A. N. Ferguson,	A. A. Watson,	Centre,
Joseph Evans,	Neill Graham,	Dunn,
J. S. Black,	J. F. Blackman,	Euphronia,
P. R. Law,	G. P. McNeill,	Fayetteville,
A. R. Shaw,	H. McDonald,	Flat Branch,
J. W. Johnston,	M. McInnis,	Galatia,
W F. Thom,	J. R. Watson,	Jonesboro,
G. A. Hough,	D. M. Keith,	Keyser,
J. M. Clark,	N McPhail,	Longstreet,
M. N. McIver,	J. A. McArthur,	McPherson,
M. McG. Shields,	D. N. McRae,	Midway,
D. N. McLauchlin,	M. McInnis,	Mt. Carmel.

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* The figure after each name shows the day of arrival and enrollment, after rendering satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
....	D. A. Patterson,	Mt. Pisgah,
....	S. P. Klarpp,	Philippi,
....	John McLean,	Red Springs,
....	A. J. Goodman,	Rockingham,
....	Jesse S Smith,	Sardis,
....	A. S. McRae	Sharon,
....	J. D. McGeachy,	St. Pauls,
....	D. Johnston,	St. Andrews,
....	A. C. Munroe,	Sandy Grove,
....	Norman McDonald,	Summerville,
....	N. A. McKeithan,	Bethesda,
....	John McCrimmon, 2	Culdee,
....	John McRae, 2	Gulf,
....	L. M. Blue, 2	Laurinburg,
....	A. F. Patterson, 2	Laurel Hill,
....	N. Shaw, 2	Lumber Bridge
....	N. Campbell, 2	Mark's Creek,
....	J. T. McCorquodale. 3	China Grove.

The following Ministers were absent and churches not represented:

MINISTERS.

J. P. McPherson, Neill McKay, D. D., A. McMillan,
James McQueen, K. M. McIntyre, Chalmers Moore,
A. Currie, K. A. McLeod.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Antioch, Ashpole, Barbacue,
Bensalem, Bethel, Buffalo,
Cameron, Cypress, Ch. of Covenant,
Ellerbe Springs, Haywood, Iona,
Jackson Springs, Lebanon, Lumberton,
Macedonia, Maxton, Montpelier,
Mt. Tabor, Mt. Vernon Springs, Pittsboro,
Pee Dee, Philadelphus, Pocket,
Smyrna, Sherwood, Shiloh,
Salem, Union, White Hill.

Rev. W. F. Thom was chosen Moderator. Rev. M. McG. Shields and Elder G. P. McNeill, were elected Temporary Clerks.

Rev. J. D. Pegram, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit in the body as a visiting Brother.

Presbytery receded from business until 3 P. M.

3, O'CLOCK P. M.

Presbytery resumed business.

The unprinted part of the minutes of the last meeting were read and were, with the printed part of the minutes of the last meeting, approved as a whole.

THE COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. G. A. Hough and Elders Neill Graham and W. J. Smith.

Narrative to Synod—Rev's. M. N. McIver, A. McQueen and Elder J. R. Watson.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev's. D. Fairley, J. S. Black, and Elder A. C. Munroe.

Calls and Supplies—Rev's. J. M. Clark, D. N. McLauchlin and Elder A. A. Watson.

Minutes of the Assembly—Rev's. D. D. McBryde, H. G. Hill, D. D., and Elder John McLean.

Nominations—Rev's. A. R. Shaw, J. W. Johnston and Elder D. A. Patterson.

Bills and Overtures—Rev. Joseph Evans and Elders Dr. John Shaw and Jesse S. Smith.

Leave of Absence—Rev. G. A. Hough and Elders Neill N. McFadyen and J. F. Blackman.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BODY.

The Stated Clerk read a communication from Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., which was referred to the Agent of Publication.

The Stated Clerk read a circular letter from Rev. A. L. Phillips, which was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev's. D. N. McLauchlin, M. N. McIver and Elder John McLean.

The Stated Clerk read a communication from Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., which was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev's A. McQueen, Joseph Evans and Elder D. M. Keith.

The Stated Clerk read a circular letter from Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., President of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, which was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev's. D. D. McBryde, D. N. McLauchlin and Elder Neill Graham.

REPORT OF COMMISSION.

The Commission, appointed at the last meeting to organize a church at or near Johnston's Chapel, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

> The Commission appointed at the Spring Meeting at Laurel Hill Church to visit Johnston's Chapel, in Cumberland County, and organize a church there, if the way should be found clear, met there the 10th of September, and was constituted with prayer by the Chairman. The The following members were present: Rev. P. R. Law and Elders L. Shaw and L. McDonald.
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> Elder L. Shaw was elected Clerk. After a full and careful investigation of all the facts concerning the matter the way to organize the church was not adjudged clear, therefore the church was not organized.
>
> L. SHAW, P. R. LAW,
> CLERK. CHAIRMAN.

INSTALLATIONS.

The committees appointed to install Rev. J. M. Clark at Antioch and Philadelphus; Rev. M. McG. Shields at Union, Cameron and Cypress; Rev. D. N. McLauchlin at Buffalo, Jonesboro and Pocket, reported the work had been performed as ordered by Presbytery, and their reports were received and adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The reports of the Home Missions and Evangelistic Committees were made the first order of the day for Thursday afternoon.

The report of the Committee on Education was made the second order of the day for Thursday afternoon.

Friday at 11 A. M. was fixed as the hour for hearing the sermon ordered to be preached by Rev. D. D. McBryde, on "The Duties of the Diaconate."

The report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was made the order of the day for Friday night.

The Committee on Christian Education was ordered to make its reports annually and at the Spring meetings.

Presbytery engaged in a free conversation on the state of religion in its churches.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY.

THURDSAY, October 8th, 1891.

Presbytery was called to order according to adjournment, and was led in prayer and other devotional exercises by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BODY.

An application from Jackson Springs Church for one-fourth of Rev. W. M. Eldridge's time, was read and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

A report from the Woman's Presbyterial Foreign Missionary Society, by its Secretary, Mrs. B. E. Lanneau, was read and received and referred to the Stated Clerk to be answered in a suitable manner.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The unfinished business, being the Free Conversation on the State of Religion, was resumed and engaged in at length, and elicited many interesting and encouraging reports from the churches.

The unfinished business was suspended.

Rev. G. A. Hough of the Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following partial report, which was received and adopted:

That Presbytery meet daily at 9 A. M., take recess at 11 or, if necessary, remove to the Presbyterian Church and continue until 12 M.; meet again at 2 P. M. and adjourn at will.

The unfinished business was resumed.

Presbytery receded from business until 2 P. M.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Presbytery was called to order.

The unfinished business was suspended until the night session.

The Stated Clerk read a letter to Presbytery from Rev. Chalmers Moore, giving satisfactory reasons for absence.

A written request from Rev. Chalmers Moore was read, asking that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation between him and Laurinburg church. The church, through its commissioner, Elder L. M. Blue, expressed its concurrence in the request. The relation was dissolved, and Rev. J. S. Black was appointed to preach to the church and declare it vacant.

A committee consisting of Rev's D. Fairley, H. G. Hill, D. D., and D. D. McBryde were appointed to confer with Mr. T. E. Batten, with reference to his entering the ministry.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to have printed three hundred and fifty copies of the minutes of this meeting of Presbytery, and also one hundred copies of the docket for the Spring meeting.

Pittsboro church was chosen as the place for the Spring meeting.

The fixing of the time for the Spring meeting was postponed until the adjourned meeting to be held at Synod.

Rev. N. McKay, D. D., rendered satisfactory excuse for absence by a letter, which Presbytery ordered Rev. D. D. McBryde and Elder Dr. John Shaw to answer in its behalf.

Mr. J. L. Wicker, a member of Bethel church, presented himself, with proper testimonials, as an applicant for a place under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Ministry. He was regularly examined on experimental religion and motives for seeking the Ministry and his name ordered to be enrolled as a candidate. Instructions were given him to report to the Committee on Education for advice as to his course of study in preparing for the Ministry.

The Committee on Education was instructed to send candidate J. L. Wicker to Union Theological Seminary one year, if practicable, but if not practicable to make such disposition of the matter as it might think wisest.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education read the following report:

Your committee would respectfully report that there are at present thirteen candidates under the care of Presbytery. Six are pursuing their collegiate course, viz: J. G. Conoly at Southwestern Presbyterian University; K. A. Campbell at Hampden Sidney; A. K. Pool, J. D. Arnold, C. E. Hodgin and Arch'd. McLauchlin at Davidson College. Five are in the Theological course, viz: L. L Little at Princeton; D. J. Currie at Columbia; W. L. Harrell, D. M. McIver and A. A. McGeachy at Union. Allen Jones, Jr., is engaged in teaching; Chas. A. Jones has not been heard from.

Of these thirteen candidates, eight have made application for the maximum amount of aid, promised by the General Assembly's committee, which is $100 per annum, and your committee recommend that these applications be granted.

As to contributions made to the cause of education since the last Fall meeting of Presbytery, your Treasurer reports $469.11, which is not quite two-thirds of the amount pledged by Presbytery for the past year. Dr. Richardson informs us that this Presbytery is asked to raise $700, as its proportionate part of $30,000, which will be needed for this cause during the current year.

Your committee recommend that this amount be raised, and to this end we recommend that Presbytery enjoin upon all the churches under its care to make contributions to the cause of education in the months of November and April, as required by the General Assembly, and that the aggregate contributions from each church be equal to the Presbyterial assessment thereon.

A. N. FERGUSON,
CHAIRMAN.

It was received and adopted.

OVERTURE.

The following overture was submitted and adopted by a rising and unanimous vote.

RESOLVED, 1. That the Presbytery of Fayetteville of the Synod of North Carolina hereby overtures the Columbian Commission to decide to open the International Exposition of 1893 on no part of the Sabbath.

RESOLVED, 2. That the foregoing overture be forwarded by the Stated Clerk to the aforesaid Commission at once.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Chairman of the Committee on Home Missions submitted the following report:

Your Home Mission Committee would report for six months ending October 1st, 1891, as follows:

I.—AS TO SUSTENTATION.

Balance on hand April 1st, 1891	$113 12
Contributed by twenty-six churches in six months	135 71
	$248 83
Paid Rev. W. F. Thom	175 00
On hand October 1st, 1891	$ 73 83

AMOUNTS DUE TO JANUARY 1, 1892.

To Rev. W. F. Thom, to January 1, 1890	$ 68 04
" " " " " for 1890	60 00
" " " " " for 1891	300 00
To Rev. K. A. McLeod for 1891	75 00
To White Evangelistic Fund (borrowed)	75 00
	$578 04

II.—AS TO WHITE EVANGELISTIC FUND.

Due from Sustentation Fund	$ 75 00
Contributed by thirty-one churches in six months	199 38

III.—AS TO SYNODICAL EVANGELISTIC FUND.

Balance on hand April 1, 1891	$ 1 98
Contributed by sixteen churches	227 20
	$229 18
Paid Treasurer of Synodical Committee on current year	151 00
On hand October 1, 1891	$ 78 18

INDEBTEDNESS OF PRESBYTERY TO THIS FUND.

Synodical Assessment for year ending December 1, 1891	$525 00
Original pledges to Maxwell Fund	171 25
	$696 25

Some of the Maxwell pledges have been paid, but not all.

IV.—AS TO COLORED EVANGELISTIC FUND.

Balance on hand April 1, 1891	$ 50 00
For six months, contributed by seven churches	21 65
	$ 71 65
Sent Assembly's Treasurer	21 65
	$ 50 00
Paid Rev Reuben C. James, on current year	25 00
On hand October 1, 1891	$ 25 00

V.—AS TO INVALID FUND.

In six months contributed by twenty-five churches to be sent Assembly's Committee	$117 76

VI.—AS TO LABORS OF CANDIDATES.

Candidate D N. McIver, by direction of Presbytery, conducted religious services at Rockingham and Jackson Springs during the summer. Candidate W. L. Harrell did the same during a portion of the summer at Carthage and Culdee churches. No report of their labors has been received.

Your committee would recommend that the Home Missions Committee be directed to apply to the Assembly's Committee for aid from the Invalid Fund:

For Rev. J. P. McPherson	$ 40 00
For Mrs. J. H. Coble	50 00
For Mrs. A. M. Watson	25 00
To Rev. James McQueen	25 00
Whole amount	$140 00

VII.—AS TO SUPPLIES FOR VACANT CHURCHES.

That Rockingham, Ellerbe Springs, Jackson Springs, Mt. Carmel and Marks Creek be united in one group and directed to take steps to secure a pastor for the group. That until this is done, or until Spring meeting, these churches be supplied as follows:

Jackson Springs, Rev. J. W. Johnston, one Sabbath; Rev. A. McQueen, two Sabbaths and Sacrament.

Rockingham, Rev. A. McQueen, one Sabbath, Rev. W. M. Eldridge, one Sabbath; Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, one Sabbath and Sacrament.

Ellerbe Springs, Mark's Creek, Mt. Carmel, Rev. M. N. McIver.

Sherwood, Rev. A. R. Shaw, one Sabbath; Rev. G. A. Hough one bath; Rev. Joseph Evans, one Sabbath; Rev. D. D. McBryde, one Sabbath and Sacrament.

That Rev. W. F. Thom be directed to supply the churches of Gulf, Mt. Vernon, Pittsboro and Haywood, for 1892, on a salary of $400 from the churches, and $200 from Sustentation Fund; and to act as Evangelist of the Chatham field, preaching during the week at promising points, and receiving for services rendered $100 from the White Evangelistic Fund.

Your committee further recommend that of the collections taken up during the present year, and hereafter, for Church Erection in February and for White Evangelistic Fund in June and September, 50 per cent. be sent the Assembly's Treasurer, and the remainder retained for Presbyterial use.

VIII.—AS TO CHURCH ERECTION.

In six months nine churches have contributed................ $28 39

Your committee also recommend an appropriation of $20 to Culdee, and of $25 to Mt. Carmel church from the Church Erection Fund, to be paid the 1st of April, 1892.

They further recommend that $100 be paid (from Sustentation $50 and White Evangelistic Fund $50) to Rev. K. A. McLeod's field for 1892.

H. G. HILL,
CHAIRMAN.

Received and adopted.

PRESBYTERIAL EVANGELIZATION FOR WHITES.

The Chairman of the Evangelistic Committee submitted its report, which was ordered to be published in the *North Carolina Presbyterian*. The recommendations of the report were received and adopted.

They are as follows:

RESOLVED, 1. That the churches of the Presbytery are hereby urged to forward to the treasurer their contributions to the Presbyterial Evangelistic Fund at as early a day as possible.

RESOLVED, 2. That our Evangelist, Rev. A. R. Shaw, be and is hereby warmly commended for his diligence and abounding faithfulness, which has been so richly blessed during the past year by the great Head of the Church.

Presbytery took recess until after divine service to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator.

The unfinished business, Free Conversation on the State of Religion, was suspended to hear the report of the Agent of Publication and Colportage.

PUBLICATION AND COLPORTAGE.

The Agent of Publication and Colportage read the following report:

Your Agent for Publication begs leave to report that twenty-nine dollars and fifty cents have been contributed by twelve churches to this cause since April 1, 1891. In connection with Colportage your agent has to report that eleven churches have, since the above date, contributed to this cause twenty-nine dollars and seventeen cents.

We have reason to believe that many churches have taken up a contribution for Colportage which have not yet forwarded the same to the Presbyterial Treasurer. We trust this will be done promptly.

As to the recent resolution of the General Assembly to raise $20,000 annually, to be expended on Colportage work and providing for the distribution of this amount among the Presbyteries (of which our share is $306.12), beg leave to recommend that this Presbytery heartily endorse the above resolution of the General Assembly, and hereby resolves that it will endeavor faithfully to raise its share of this amount.

JOSEPH EVANS, AGENT.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, October 9th, 1891.

Presbytery convened according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer and other devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Joseph Evans.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Chairman of the special committee on Systematic Beneficence read the report of the committee, which was received and approved, and the Stated Clerk ordered to forward it to the Synod.

EVANGELIZATION FOR THE COLORED RACE.

The Chairman of the Committee on Colored Evangelization read the following report:

Your Committee on Colored Evangelization would respectfully report in regard to the cause in general, and especially in regard to the letter received from the Secretary.

1. That this Presbytery most heartily concurs in and sympathizes with the efforts being made by the Assembly and Assembly's Agent for enlarging this branch of our church work.
2. That it hereby urges all its ministers to bring this cause before the people faithfully, earnestly and persistently, and urge its claims upon their christian liberality
3. That owing to other and pressing obligations this Presbytery does not feel justified in pledging or promising any specified amount to this cause.
4. That Presbytery resolves to appoint an Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization.

D. N. McLAUCHLIN,
CHAIRMAN.

Received and adopted.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Rev. Joseph Evans reported that he attended the meeting of the General Assembly at Birmingham, Ala., and discharged the duties devolved on him as Commissioner of the Presbytery.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The special committee to which the Bible Cause was referred submitted the following report:

The special committee to which was referred the communication from Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., District Superintendent of the American Bible Society, would report:

They have examined said communication and finding the General Assembly, at its recent meeting in Birmingham, Ala , has clearly and positively reaffirmed its relation with the American Bible Society, recommended annual collections in all our churches for this cause, provided a column in its statistical tables to report these contributions, and ordered that hereafter a standing committee of the Assembly be appointed to consider and report upon this important work.

Therefore, in view of these facts, and deliverances by the Chief Judicatory of the Church, marking out the line of duty for us, and calling us to it, your committee recommends:

1. That a standing committee on the Bible Cause, be appointed by this Presbytery, to take under consideration this important branch of church work, and report annually to this body.
2. That annual collections in all our churches for this cause be taken up on the third Sabbath in October, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and that these contributions be forwarded directly to the Treasurer of Presbytery to be forwarded to the Agent of the American Bible Society for this district.

A. McQUEEN,
Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

VISITATION.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., the Agent of Visitation, submitted the following report:

Your Agent for Visitation would report as follows for the year ending October 1, 1891:

In District No. I.—The chairman, Rev. D. Fairly. mentions as visited during the year the churches of Mt. Vermon, Gulf, St. Andrews, Pisgah, White Hill and Cameron. Two days were spent at each church, and their financial and spiritual condition minutely investigated. Such subjects were presented as were deemed suited to their wants and calculated to stimulate them to more efficient and aggressive church work. All these churches were found well officered, harmonious and out of debt. The chairman testifies to a very decided improvement in their financial management and spiritual development since the last visitation of the committee. He also expresses a growing appreciation of this system of visiting our churches to stimulate their growth and efficiency.

In District No. II.—The chairman, Rev. D. D. McBryde, reports that last Spring Rev. G. A. Hough and myself visited China Grove, Flat Branch, Summerville, Sardis and Bluff Churches, in the interests of Foreign Missions, but that no other work has been done by their visiting committee in their district during the year

In District No. III.—Rev. P. R. Law, Chairman, reports as visited during the year the following churches: St. Pauls, Montpelier, Antioch, Rockfish and Lumber Bridge. In these churches wherever short-comings in christian duty existed they were pointed out, and all arrearages to pastors, or supplies, were fully paid. Sorrow for religious coldness, and dereliction in duty, was expressed, and a purpose of amendment in future. Large congregations attended the public exercises, and officers and church members expressed themselves as profited by these meetings.

In District No. IV.—Rev. A. N. Ferguson, Chairman, reports that the churches of Rockingham, Ellerbe Springs and Mark's Creek were visited by some members of their committee last winter, and that in the first two the work of the committee was attended to and the churches found in an encouraging condition. His feeble health during the year prevented any more work being done.

In District No. V.—Rev. Joseph Evans, Chairman, the churches of Philapelphus, Red Springs, Lumberton and Laurinburg have been regularly visited with good results. At the first two of these churches the chairman was unable to attend, on account of sickness in his family, and these meetings were conducted by your Agent, assisted by Rev. J. S. Black. Good congregations were present at all these meetings, and both officers and private members expressed themselves as benefited by the truths presented and the admonitions given. Besides this work done by the visiting committee, some members of the committee visited, last Spring, Laurinburg, Laurel Hill, Smyrna, Centre and Maxton, in the interest of Foreign Missions.

Your Agent is glad to report that our system of visitation has increased in efficiency, that the committees have been more faithful during the past year, and that no better mode of exercising Presbyterial oversight of its churches, and of promoting their welfare, has ever been adopted by the Presbytery than that contemplated by its plan of regular visitation.

H. G. HILL, Agent.

Received and adopted.

REQUEST FOR SUPPLIES FROM CHURCHES.

Requests were read from Jackson Springs Church for one-fourth of Rev. W. M. Eldridge's time as supply, on a salary of one hundred dollars a year, and from Mt. Carmel Church for one-fourth of Rev. M. N. McIver's time as supply, on a salary of eighty dollars a year, were received and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

THE STATED SUPPLY SYSTEM.

Rev. A. R. Shaw introduced the following paper on the stated supply system:

> Recognizing the fact that the Stated Supply System is out of line with strict Presbyterian polity and the requirements of God's word, the Presbytery of Fayetteville would urge the churches under its care to use all legitimate means to establish the pastoral relation.

Pending its discussion, Presbytery took recess until 2 P. M.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator.
The unfinished business was suspended.

NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. Joseph Evans introduced the following resolution concerning the *North Carolina Presbyterian:*

> RESOLVED, That the Presbytery of Fayetteville in recognition of the valuable services of the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN to our churches in the past and present, hereby reaffirms its appreciation of the great work it is doing in the enlightenment of our people and the upbuilding of our Zion, and again commends it to the patronage of our people.

Received and adopted.

JUDICIAL.

Presbytery resolved itself into secret session.

A communication from Mr. William Alderman was read, asking that a commission be appointed to try Rev. J. S. Black on given charges and specifications. A printed circular, which had been written by Mr. William Alderman, was also read. Both of these papers were referred to a special committee to report a suitable action for adoption. The committee consisted of Rev's. H. G. Hill, D. D., Joseph Evans and Elder Dr. John Shaw.

MR. T. E. BATTEN.

The committee appointed to confer with Mr. T. E. Batten concerning his entering the ministry, made a verbal report, asking Presbytery to examine him as a body.

The report was received and adopted.

Mr. Batten appeared before Presbytery and was examined, and then requested to retire. The commttee was then instructed to request him to withdraw his application.

The secret session was discontinued.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Rev. J. M. Clark, Chairman of the Committee on Calls and Supplies, made the following report:

1. We recommend that the request from Mt. Carmel Church for the services of Rev. M. N. McIver as supply be granted, if the condition of our treasury will justify it.

2. We recommend that Presbytery do not grant the request from Jackson Springs Church for the services of Rev. W. M. Eldridge, and that the Home Missions Committee be requested to supply this church, if possible.

J. M. CLARK, CHAIRMAN.

REV. W. F. WATSON.

Rev. W. F. Watson of the Missionary Baptist Church was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit in the body as a visiting brother.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION RE-COMMITTED.

The report on the state of religion was read, received and re-committed for amendment.

SABBATH–SCHOOLS.

The Agent of Sabbath-schools made a verbal report, which was received and approved.

NOMINATIONS.

Rev. A. R. Shaw, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, made the following report:

That the Home Missions, Evangelistic, Educational, Systematic Beneficence and Auditing Committees remain the same.

That Rev. P. R. Law be elected Trustee of Davidson College for the next four years.

That the Treasurer, Trustees of Presbytery and Donaldson Academy remain the same.

That Rev. Joseph Evans be elected Agent of Foreign Missions and Rev. J. M. Clark Agent of Visitation.

That Rev. D. N. McLauchlin be elected Agent of Publication, Colportage and North Carolina Presbyterian, and Rev. M. McG. Shields Agent of Sabbath-schools.

That Rev. M. McG. Shields and Elders Dr. Gilbert McLeod and James Dalrymple be elected the Executive Committee of Synodical Evangelization.

That Rev. D. D. McBryde and Elders Jesse S. Smith and Walter J. Smith be elected the Executive Committee on the Bible Cause.

That Rev. D. N. McLauchlin be added to the Committee of Visitation in District I, and Rev. M. McG. Shields be added to the Committee of Visitation in District II.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION.

Natural Science—Rev. D. D. McBryde, Rev. M. N. McIver and Elder G. P. McNeill.

English Branches—Rev. A. McQueen, Rev. D. N. McLauchlin, Rev. James McQueen and Elder A. A. Watson.

Latin and Greek—Rev. J. W. Johnston, Rev. M. McG. Shields, Rev. A. Currie, Rev. A. McMillan.

Mental and Moral Science—Rev. W. F. Thom, Rev. P. R. Law and Elder L. M. Blue.

Hebrew—Rev. A. R. Shaw, Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. J. M. Clark.

Theology—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. K. M. McIntyre, Rev. N. McKay, D. D., Rev. Joseph Evans and Elder Neill A. McKeithan.

Church Government and Sacraments—Rev. D. D. McBryde, Rev. K. A. McLeod and Elder Dr. John Shaw.

Ecclesiastical History—Rev. G. A. Hough, Rev. A. N. Ferguson, Rev. J. P. McPherson and Elder Jesse Smith.

Received and adopted.

BEPORT ON DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

Rev. D. D. McBryde read the following report as Chairman of the Special Committee on Davidson College:

1. The committee appointed to bring in a report on Davidson College would respectfully submit as its report, first, the circular letter of the Trustees of the Institution:

It give us pleasure to report another year of successful work in your College. The enrollment of students for the year 1890–'91, has been 113, of whom 100 are church members, and 49 are seeking the gospel ministry. The term has been, in the main, an orderly one, though not entirely free from disagreeable incidents. Prof. Smith has been absent during the year, studying in the University of Virginia, but his classes have been taught by the other professors, so that his chair has not suffered materially, while he has qualified himself more thoroughly for his work in future years. Prof. W. J. Martin has been disabled by protracted feebleness, but his classes have been satisfactorily taught by Dr. W. J. Martin, Jr. Prof. Martin's health has been restored, and he will resume his instructions next session.

We are happy to report the completion of the Y. M. C. A. Hall and Gymnasium, though it is only partially furnished. The cost has been about $4,000, and there is a debt of nearly $500 upon it. It is a handsome building, and it is said to be the first of the kind in any Southern college. The gymnasium is supplied with a moderate amount of apparatus, thus furnishing additional facilities and incentives for physical exercise.

The employment of a college physician has been a valuable means of preserving the health of the students.

The members of the senior class passed successful examinations, and eight have been graduated with the degree of B. S. The degree of A. M. was conferred upon two graduates, and the honorary degree of D D. upon two ministers.

The President of the College has visited Synods, Presbyteries and churches as much as he was able in the interest of the College, and of the proposed South Atlantic Presbyterian University

The buildings and grounds have been placed in good repair by the expenditure of about $500. The entire invested fund of the College, consisting in stocks, bonds and mortgage notes, amounts to $107,178 22. The estimated annual income from these securities and from college dues, amounts to $11.220, and the estimated annual expenses are $11,850—thus leaving an annual deficiency of about $630. The financial statement is made in order that our Ministers and Ruling Elders and people may see the condition of affairs, and arouse themselves to take such action as will relieve the frequently recurring embarrassment. The deficiency has been met, a time or two, by the liberality of the President, professors and a few of the Trustees, but this cannot always be the case. Something more constant and satisfactory is demanded.

At the same time, while the college is fairly equipped with the conveniences for a first class education, there are constantly recurring demands for improved apparatus in the chemical and physical departments, which the limited income of the college will hardly justify the Trustees in supplying. There are several ways by which the difficulty may be met. First and easiest of all is the exertiom on the part of our Ministers and Elders of their influence in sending ten or twenty more paying students to the college. If Presbyterians would only rally around their college as other denominations are doing, there would be a large accession to the number of students, and the financial strain would be a thing of the past. Will not our brethren do this for a college that has done such noble work for Christ and his kingdom, and still continues that noble work? Another plan is the increase of the invested fund. The addition of another hundred thousand to the endowment would make the college almost independent of college dues, and enable the Trustees to furnish free tuition to every poor and worthy applicant for admission. While the State colleges are making effective bids for patronage by scholarships and free tuition, we need not be surprised if our numbers should be lessened because of our inability to compete with more favored institutions.

Still further; other institutions have been aided, as Davidson College has been, by liberal bequests from the friends of education If all the friends of the college would use their influence, in calling the attention of persons who have property to leave by will, to the claims of Davidson College, large additions might be made to our endowment fund.

But especially we ask that you remember the college in your private and public prayers, that God's blessings, may rest upon it, that its life and usefulness may be preserved for ages to come.

It is probable that this and the next will be critical years in the history of the college, and it becomes all the friends of the institution carefully and earnestly to consider what should be done, not only to perpetuate its existence upon the present plane of usefulness, but to increase its efficiency. We ask, therefore, that this letter be referred to a suitable committee, and that due and faithful consideration be accorded to this important matter. As the term of office of one-fourth of our Trustees will expire this year, we respectfully ask that the vacancies be filled and reported to the Secretary."

2. That in accordance with the first suggestion of the Board of Trustees as promising needed aid and relief, we urge that earnest and persistent efforts on the part of our Ministers, Elders and christain people, be made to send an increased number of paying students

3. That we commend this noble institution to the liberality of our people, whom God has blessed with abundance of the riches of this world.

2. We also urge upon the friends of the College that its claims be set forth before persons who have property to bequeath, that they may thus leave a perpetual benediction to the world.

5. That the prayers of the church may, unceasingly, be offered for God's rich blessings upon this beloved institution.

D. D. McBRYDE, Chairman

Received and adopted.

ASSESSMENTS CHANGED.

The Presbyterial assessment on Union Church was changed to $15, and on Cameron Church to $8.

The arrearage of Bluff Church to the Presbyterial Fund was cancelled because it had accumulated without a knowledge of an increase of the assessments on the part of the church.

THE STATED SUPPLY SYSTEM.

The unfinished business, being the consideration of the paper on the Stated Supply System, was taken up.

The paper was adopted.

THE STATISTICAL REPORT.

The Stated Clerk read the statistical report, which was received and approved and ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY.

The report on the minutes of the General Assembly was read, and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly would recommend:

1. With reference to the matter of the Revised Directory for Worship, page 224, that its consideration be postponed until the Spring meeting of Presbytery.
2. That this Presbytery give careful heed to the fourth recommendation of the General Assembly on Education, page 232 of the minutes, urging diligent oversight of all this work in all its branches, earnest efforts in seeking out young men qualified for the work, and that they be required ordinarily to attend our own Theological Seminaries.
3. That resolution five, page 232, recommending the observance by all our churches of the fourth Sabbath of February as a day of prayer, in behalf of our youth in schools and colleges, be carefully observed.
4. That our ministers preach on the first Sabbath of July, or as soon thereafter as possible, on the need of laborers for the great harvest field of the world, that the claims of the gospel ministry be set forth on parents and children, and also upon those having the education of the youth of our church committed to them.
5. That the tenth resolution, page 240, viz: That the Ministers and Sessions, and Sabbath-schools, be requested to present clearly, each month, the various claims of Home Missions to their Sabbath-schools.
6. That item two, page 247, exhorting that special attention be given in all our schools to memorizing the scriptures.
7. That attention be given item three, page 247, directing that collections be made in all our schools, whenever practicable, for each cause of benevolence.
8. That attention is called to the offer of the Committee of Publication, page 251, offering a Bible to every child memorizing the Shorter Catechism.

D. D. McBRYDE,
CHAIRMAN.

Received and adopted.

ACTION ON MR. WILLIAM ALDERMAN'S REQUEST.

Rev. H. G Hill, D. D., Chairman of the Special Committee, to which was referred the communication and circular of Mr. William Alderman, submitted the following report:

The committee to which was referred the charges brought by Mr. William Alderman against Rev. J. S. Black, and a circular sent to many ministers and others, by Mr Alderman, respecting the difficulties existing between him and Rev. J. S. Black, would report as follows:

1. That Presbytery having heard these charges read and finding that they date back from two to three years, is of the opinion that they are barred from consideration by statute of limitation, Book of Discipline chapter VI, paragraph 191.

2. That Presbytery finds in the records of its session at Carthage, September, 1890, evidence that this entire trouble between these brethren was considered as settled through the statement of Rev T. P. Barclay, as the representative of Mr. Alderman, confirmed by Elder George P. McNeill, respecting Mr. Alderman's confession of unchristian conduct, and repentance therefor, and that these admissions prevented the appointment of a new Commission to try Mr. Alderman upon new charges mentioned by the members of the first Commission. For these reasons Presbytery deems it unwise and unnecessary to entertain the charges renewed by Mr. Alderman against Rev. J. S. Black at this meeting.

3. That in the circular referred to the committee we find either a mistake or a question of veracity between Mr Alderman and Rev. T. P. Barclay and Elder George P. McNeill, requiring either explanation or investigation.

H. G. HILL, CHAIRMAN.

Received and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The semi-annual report of the Treasurer was submitted, received, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

Presbytery receded from business until 7 : 30 P. M.

7 : 30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Presbytery was called to order.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The order of the day, hearing the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, was taken up. In the absence of the Agent, Rev. P. R. Law read his report as follows:

The work in our church at large has made most gratifying progress. More than twenty new missionaries have gone out during the past year. This is the largest number that has ever gone out in one year. Our committee has at present 100 missionaries under its charge. Encouraging reports come from the various missionary fields of the growth in grace of the native christians. For the first four months of the present fiscal year there was an encrease in the contributions over those of the same date last year Since there has been a falling off. This is greatly to be deplored, as the expenses of our committee have increased. Unless there is an increase in the October collection the $150,000 needed by the committee and recommended by the General Assembly, will not be raised. Your agent would recall the attention of Presbytery to the trouble in China. We should pray to God in behalf of these brethren, while we should thank him for the protection that has safely kept them thus far.

The work at home has not fallen behind. Last year the contributions forwarded to our Presbyterial Treasurer amounted, on the first of October, to $1,104.46. By the first of October this year they reached $1,478.31, or a gain of nearly $400

An effort was made by your Agent to have the simultaneous meetings observed. Presbytery was divided into ten groups and chairmen appointed over the various committees in these groups, and literature was forwarded. Your agent wrote a special request to each of the chairmen of the groups to write what had been done. Only five groups were heard from. In these, successful work was done, in another only two or three churches were visited, and the fifth reported nothing done at this time, but Missionary sermons had been preached during the year.

CHALMERS MOORE, AGENT.

The report was received.

Addresses on Foreign Missions were then made by Revs. D. N. McLauchlin and H. G. Hill' D. D., which were followed by a collection for the cause, amounting to $9.14.

The report was adopted.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, October 10th, 1891.

Presbytery was called to order according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. M. McG. Shields.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended, and approved.

REV. CHALMERS MOORE DISMISSED.

Rev. Chalmers Moore was dismissed, at his own request, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

VACANCY IN EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE FILLED.

Rev. J. M. Clark was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Presbyterial Evangelistic Committee caused by the removal of Rev. Chalmers Moore.

Rev. P. R. Law and Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., were authorized to act as a quorum of the Evangelistic Committee during this session of Presbytery.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

The Committee on Leave of Absence submitted the following report:

MEMBERS EXCUSED AFTER THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

J. R. Watson,
L. M. Blue,
Rev. J. S. Black,
A. S. McRae,
A. L. McLean,
Malcolm McInnis.

AFTER FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

L. F. Blackman,
Rev. A. N. Ferguson,
D. A. Patterson,
Neill McPhail,
Rev. D. Fairley,
N A. Campbell,
M. McFadyen,
Rev. J. M. Clark,
N. Shaw,
G. T. McCorquodale,
J. A. McArthur,
H. D. McDonald,
J. D. McGeachy,
A. C. Monroe,
John McCrummen,
A. A. Watson,
Rev. W. F. Thom,
Rev. J. Evans,
A. J. Goodman,
Miles McInnis,
N. A. McKeithan,
D. J. McDonald,
D. Johnson,
J. McRae,
J. McLean,
D. M. McRae,
Rev M. N. McIver,
D. M. Keith,
Rev J W. Johnston
A. F. Patterson.

G. A. HOUGH, CHAIRMAN.

Received and adopted.

LETTER OF SYMPATHY TO REV. J. McQUEEN.

Rev. A. R. Shaw was directed to write a letter of sympathy to Rev. James McQueen.

MR. T. E. BATTEN'S APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.

The committee appointed to confer with Mr. T. E. Batten reported that he requested his application to be withdrawn.

THE CHURCHES AND THE MAXWELL FUND.

Rev. M. McG. Shields, Chairman of the Committee on Synodical Evangelization, was instructed to correspond with the churches pledged to make contributions to the Maxwell Fund in regard to their payment of the same.

PRESBYTERIAL SERMON.

Rev. Joseph Evans was appointed to preach a sermon at the Spring meeting of Presbytery on "Infant Salvation."

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The report on state of religion was read, and is as follows:

Your committee on narrative of state of religion in the bounds of Fayetteville Presbytery, respectfully reports:

According to information received from the churches, all along the line of church work progress has been made, which should cause us to thank God and take courage. The reports show an increased spirit of liberality in all departments of church work. It is with pleasure we note the increased interest in Sunday-school work, and the number of schools organized within our bounds. There is an awakened interest on the subject of Home and Foreign Mission work as is fully evidenced by the zealous, faithful and untiring efforts of its ladies in organizing new societies and promoting increased contributions to this cause. The vacant churches are grouped in pastorates and are generally supplied with the preached word. Peace and harmony prevails within our bounds and a mind to work and pray for the prosperity of Zion seems to prevail within our bounds. To some of our churches large accessions have been made, through the special efforts of our efficient evangelist, ranging from ten to sixty additions, and in all our churches there is evidence of growth in grace and permanent prosperity. To take in and review the whole field of christian effort within our bounds, we have great reason to thank God for His goodness and reconsecrate ourselves to the Master's work.

M. N. McIVER,
CHAIRMAN.

Received and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded by the Stated Clerk to the Synod.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

The following resolutions were introduced by Rev. P. R. Law:

1. That the thanks of Fayetteville Presbytery is hereby returned to the people of Dunn for their cordial hospitality during this meeting, to the churches of the town for the use of their houses of worship, and especially to the Methodist church for the use of their house of worship for our business meeting, and to those railroads that made a reduction in fare to the members of the body.
2. That the foregoing resolution be read to the congregation from the pulpit to-morrow and a copy of the same be furnished the town paper for publication

MINUTES READ.

The minutes of to-day' ssession were read, amended, and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet during the sittings of Synod in Durham at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer and Apostolic Benediction.

W. F. THOM,
Moderator.

M. McG. SHIELDS, } *Temporary Clerks.*
G. P. McNEILL, }

Attest: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETINGS AT SYNOD,

DURHAM, N. C.

No. I.

WEDNESDAY, November 11th, 1891.

Presbytery was called to order in the lecture-room of the Presbyterian Church in Durham, according to adjournment, by Rev. Chalmers Moore, the last Moderator present.

ROLL.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
H. G. Hill, D. D.,	L. McDonald,	Big Rockfish,
D. D. McBryde,	D. R. McIver,	Salem.
P. R. Law,	....	....
D. N. McLauchlin,	....	....
J. S. Black,	....	....
Chalmers Moore,	....	....
G. A. Hough,	....	....
A. R. Shaw,	....	....
J. M. Clark,	....	....

Rev. J. M. Clark was elected Temporary Clerk.

REV. J. McA. ROSE RECEIVED.

The Stated Clerk read a certificate issued by Enoree Presbytery, dismissing Rev. J. McA. Rose to connect himself with the Presbytery of Fayetteville. After an examination, as required by the Book of Church Order, he was formally admitted to membership and granted permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery as Synodical Evangelist.

CALLS.

Calls from Salem Church for the pastoral services of Rev. D. N. McLauchlin, one service a month, on a salary of one hundred and twenty-five dollars a year, and from Gulf Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. F. Thom for one-fourth of his time, on a salary of one hundred and fifty-five dollars a year, were presented and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

COMMITTEE ON COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

Rev. G. A. Hough and Elder S. C. Rankin and Dr. H. A. McSwain, were elected an Executive Committee on Evangelization for the Colored Race.

SABBATH-SCHOOL AGENCY.

Rev. M. McG. Shields tendered his resignation as Agent of Sabbath-schools, and Rev. J. S. Black was elected to fill the vacancy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF PRESBYTERY IN JUDICIAL CASE.

Rev's. H. G. Hill, D. D., and P. R. Law were elected to represent Presbytery in the judicial case, in which Mr. William Alderman was appellant and Presbytery the appellee.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. McA. Rose.

NO. II.

Thursday, November 12th, 1891.

Presbytery was called to order in the lecture-room of the Presbyterian Church in Durham, according to adjournment, by the Moderator, and opened with prayer by Rev. D. Fairley.

CALL BY PITTSBORO CHURCH.

A call by Pittsboro Church for one-fourth of Rev. W. F. Thom's time as pastor, on a salary of one hundred dollars a year, was read, received, and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

TIME OF SPRING MEETING.

The time for the Spring Meeting was made 7 :30 P. M., Tuesday April 12th, 1892.

REV. A. CURRIE.

Rev. A. Currie rendered satisfactory excuse for absence from the last regular meeting of Presbytery, and was granted permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery until the next stated meeting.

CALLS FROM SALEM, PITTSBORO AND GULF CHURCHES IN ORDER.

The calls from Salem Church for Rev. D. N. McLauchlin as pastor, and from Pittsboro and Gulf churches for Rev. W. F. Thom as pastor, were reported by the committee to be in order, and recommended to be placed in their hands.

The report of the committee was received and adopted, and the calls were placed in the hands of the brethren.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. McA. Rose.

No. III.

FRIDAY, November 13th, 1891.

Presbytery was called to order, according to adjournment, in the lecture-room of the Durham Presbyterian Church, and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Revs. D. N. McLauchlin and W. F. Thom signified their acceptance of the calls placed in their hands at the last session.

ORDER FOR INSTALLATIONS.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies submitted the following order for the installation of Rev. W. F. Thom at Pittsboro and Gulf Churches, and Rev. D. N. McLauchlin at Salem Church:

1. For the installation of Rev. W. F. Thom at Pittsboro Church, the time be Tuesday at 7 P. M the 8th of December prox, and at Gulf Church Wednesday at 7 P. M., the 9th of December prox, Rev. P. R. Law to preside, preach and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. D. N. McLauchlin to charge the pastor and Rev. M. McG. Shields to charge the people in both services.
2. For the installation of Rev. D. N. McLauchlin at Salem Church, the time be at 11 A. M. Friday, the 11th of December prox, Rev. P. R. Law to preside, preach and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. D. Fairley to charge the pastor and Rev. M McG Shields the people.

Received and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. M. Clark.

No. IV

SATURDAY, November 14th, 1891.

Presbytery was called to order, according to adjournment, in the lecture-room of the Durham Presbyterian Church, and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

ADJOURNED TO MEET AT MAXTON.

Presbytery resolved to adjourn to meet in the Maxton Presbyterian Church at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday, the 15th of December, 1891.

The minutes of all the adjourned sessions of the body at Synod were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Maxton Church at 7 :30 P. M. Tuesday, the 15th of December, 1891.

Closed with prayer by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.

W. F. THOM,
Moderator.

J. M. CLARK,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT MAXTON.

TUESDAY, December 15th, 1891.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator, and opened with prayer

ROLL.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
H. G. Hill, D. D.,	R. McCaskill,	Laurinburg,
Joseph Evans,	W. J. Currie,	Maxton,
A. N. Ferguson,	....	....
J. S. Black,	....	....
P. R. Law,	....	....
W. F. Thom,	....	....
J. M. Clark,	....	....
M. N. McIver,	....	....
D. N. McLauchlin,	....	....
M. McG. Shields,	....	....

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt, of Albemarle Presbytery, and Rev. E. W. Smith, of Orange Presbytery, were invited to sit in the body as corresponding members, and were introduced to the Presbytery by the Moderator.

CALL FROM LAURINBURG CHURCH.

A call from Laurinburg Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. B. Arrowood of Mecklenbury Presbytery, was submitted, read, and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

REPORTS OF INSTALLATIONS.

The committee appointed to install Rev. W. F. Thom at Gulf and Pittsboro churches, and Rev. D. N. McLauchlin at Salem Church, reported they had done the work as ordered. The reports were received and adopted.

The matter of conforming the Home Missions collections of the Presbytery to the action of the Synod at Durham was discussed and docketed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CALLS AND SUPPLIES.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported the call of Laurinburg Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. B. Arrowood to be in order, and recommended that Rev. P. R. Law and Ruling Elder L. M. Blue be appointed commissioners to prosecute the same before the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

Received and adopted.

COLPORTAGE WORK.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Colporteurs of Fayetteville Presbytery be authorized to conduct prayer meetings, organize Sabbath-schools, and make collections for the cause of colportage if the way be clear.

The month for the collection for Colportage was ordered to be changed from August to March.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Joseph Evans.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, December 16th, 1891.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

SYNODICAL EVANGELISTS.

It was ordered that the Synodical Evangelists be authorized to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery under the direction of the Home Missions Committee.

Rev. M. McG. Shields was added to the Home Missions Committee, in place of Rev. Joseph Evans.

HOME MISSIONS COLLECTIONS.

The matter of conforming the Home Missions collections of the Presbytery to the action of the Synod at Durham was taken from the docket, and the following paper adopted:

1. RESOLVED, That the Presbytery of Fayetteville will take up collections in its churches during the months of January and August for Home Missions work in the Presbytery; in February and June for Home Missions work in the Synod of North Carolina; and during September for Home Missions work conducted by the General Assembly.

2. That Presbytery will make an earnest effort to raise $1,800 for its own Home Missions work, $900 for Synod's Home Missions work, and $500 for the Assembly's Home Missions work during the coming year.

3. That the $1,800 for Presbyterial Home Missions, the $900 for Synodical Missions, and the $500 for the Assembly's Home Missions be apportioned among our churches by the Home Missions and Evangelistic Committees, they being guided in this apportionment by the Presbyterial assessment, the membership, the known ability of the churches, and these committees shall report this apportionment to the Stated Clerk, to be printed in the minutes of this meeting of Presbytery.

THE APPORTIONMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

CHURCHES.	Presbyterial Home Missions.	Synodical Home Missions.	Gen. Assembly's Home Missions.	CHURCHES.	Presbyterial Home Missions.	Synodical Home Missions.	Gen. Assembly's Home Missions.
Antioch	$ 50 00	$ 25 00	$ 13 00	Lumberton	$ 40 00	$ 20 00	$ 10 00
Ashpole	100 00	50 00	25 00	Laurel Hill	75 00	38 00	19 00
Barbecue	20 00	10 00	5 00	Lumber Bridge	70 00	35 00	18 00
Bethesda	60 00	30 00	15 00	Mark's Creek	10 00	5 00	3 00
Bethel	35 00	18 00	9 00	Mount Tabor	15 00	8 00	4 00
Bensalem	20 00	10 00	5 00	Montpelier	15 00	8 00	4 00
Bethlehem	10 00	5 00	3 00	Mount Carmel	5 00	3 00	2 00
Big Rockfish	20 00	10 00	5 00	Macedonia	15 00	8 00	4 00
Bluff	50 00	25 00	13 00	Midway	15 00	8 00	4 00
Buffalo	40 00	20 00	10 00	Mount Vernon	10 00	5 00	3 00
Carthage	55 00	28 00	14 00	Mount Pisgah	15 00	8 00	4 00
Cameron	30 00	15 00	8 00	Maxton	75 00	38 00	19 00
Culdee	10 00	5 00	3 00	McPherson	20 00	10 00	5 00
Cypress	30 00	15 00	8 00	Pittsboro	15 00	8 00	4 00
Church of Covenant	10 00	5 00	3 00	Pee Dee	30 00	15 00	8 00
Centre	75 00	38 00	19 00	Philadelphus	25 00	13 00	7 00
China Grove	6 00	3 00	2 00	Philippi	15 00	8 00	4 00
Dunn	10 00	5 00	3 00	Pocket	20 00	10 00	5 00
Ellerbe Springs	10 00	5 00	3 00	Red Springs	20 00	10 00	5 00
Euphronia	20 00	10 00	5 00	Rockingham	15 00	8 00	4 00
Fayetteville	125 00	63 00	32 00	Sardis	35 00	18 00	9 00
Flat Branch	10 00	5 00	3 00	Smyrna	30 00	15 00	8 00
Gulf	25 00	13 00	7 00	Sharon	15 00	8 00	4 00
Galatia	30 00	15 00	8 00	St. Pauls	100 00	50 00	25 00
Haywood	10 00	5 00	3 00	Sherwood	10 00	5 00	3 00
Iona	20 00	10 00	5 00	Shiloh	10 00	5 00	3 00
Jackson Springs	30 00	15 00	8 00	St. Andrews	25 00	13 00	7 00
Jonesboro	35 00	18 00	9 00	Sandy Grove	20 00	10 00	5 00
Keyser	8 00	4 00	2 00	Salem	10 00	5 00	3 00
Laurinburg	100 00	50 00	25 00	Summerville	35 00	18 00	9 00
Lebanon	6 00	3 00	2 00	Union	30 00	15 00	8 00
Long Street	10 00	5 00	3 00	White Hill	15 00	8 00	4 00

4. That in the month preceding the collections each church shall be notified as to its apportionment by members of the Home Missions Committee.

5. That the chairman of the Home Missions Committee be directed to call on the Treasurer of Presbytery for the amount needful for the expenses of printing and postage in giving these notices, and that it shall be paid from the Presbyterial Fund.

6. That all former actions of Presbytery inconsistent with the provisions of this paper are hereby repealed.

PRESBYTERIAL EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The following resolution regulating Presbyterial Evangelistic work was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Evangelist for the future confine his labors to destitute regions, to churches that are weak and receiving but little preaching, and to vacant churches, provided always, such churches desire his services, and will make due remuneration.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Pittsboro Tuesday at 7 P. M., April 12th, 1892.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

W. F. THOM,
Moderator.

M. McG. SHIELDS,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

A REVISED REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENTS FOR, AND ARREARAGES TO, THE PRESBYTERIAL FUND.

ASSESSMENTS.

CHURCHES.	ASS'M'T.	CHURCHES.	ASS'M'T.
Antioch	$12 00	Long Street	$ 3 00
Ashpole	27 00	Lumber Bridge	20 00
Barbecue	5 00	Lumberton	10 00
Bensalem	10 00	Macedonia	5 00
Bethesda	12 00	Mark's Creek	3 00
Bethel	15 00	Maxton	20 00
Bethlehem	3 00	McPherson	8 00
Big Rockfish	8 00	Midway	5 00
Bluff	15 00	Montpelier	6 00
Buffalo	12 50	Mt Carmel	3 00
Cameron	8 00	Mt. Pisgah	10 00
Carthage	15 00	Mt. Tabor	5 00
Centre	20 00	Mt Vernon Springs	2 50
China Grove	3 00	Pee Dee	10 00
Church of Covenant	5 00	Philippi	7 50
Culdee	3 00	Philadelphus	8 00
Cypress	7 00	Pittsboro	3 00
Dunn	3 00	Pocket	7 50
Ellerbe Springs	5 00	Red Springs	7 00
Euphronia	8 00	Rockingham	5 00
Fayetteville	30 00	Salem	3 00
Flat Branch	3 00	Sandy Grove	10 00
Galatia	15 00	Sardis	10 00
Gulf	3 00	Sharon	5 00
Haywood	2 00	Sherwood	3 00
Iona	8 00	Shiloh	6 00
Jackson Springs	12 00	Smyrna	10 00
Jonesboro	10 00	St. Andrews	10 00
Keyser	5 00	St. Pauls	15 00
Laurel Hill	20 00	Summerville	10 00
Laurinburg	25 00	Union	15 00
Lebanon	3 00	White Hill	8 00

ARREARAGES.

CHURCHES.	ARR'GES.	CHURCHES.	ARR'GES.
Bethlehem	$ 6 00	Maxton	$10 00
Church of The Covenant	15 00	Midway	2 00
China Grove	6 00	McPherson	13 97
Dunn	6 00	Philadelphus	15 75
Ellerbe Springs	15 00	Red Springs	7 00
Euphronia	7 75	Rockingham	25 75
Galatia	35 25	Sherwood	10 00
Long Street	2 00	Shiloh	3 00
Mark's Creek	3 40	Salem	3 00
Mt. Carmel	18 00	Union	1 00

LIST OF ELDERS AND DEACONS IN FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

1.—ANTIOCH CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Duncan G. McInnis	Antioch,	N. C.
"	Arch'd McGougan	"	"
"	H. H. Hodgin	"	"
"	Hiram Conoly	"	"
"	D. B. McLean, *Clerk*	"	"
"	Calvin S. Ray	"	"
"	R. F. Currie	Randalsville,	"
"	Timothy Currie	Antioch,	"
"	A. A. Graham	"	"
Deacon	G. B. Conoly	"	"
"	J. G. Brown	"	"
"	J. W. Hodgin	"	"
"	Andrew J. Currie	"	"
"	John A. McPhaul	"	"
"	John N. Johnson	"	"

2.—ASHPOLE CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Nathan T. Alford	Rowland,	N. C.
"	Neill T. McLean	"	"
"	Wiley C. Alford	"	"
"	Joseph T. McGirt	"	"
"	Daniel P. McKinnon	"	"
"	Dr. Duncan Sinclair, *Clerk*	"	"
"	Nathaniel McNair	Alfordsville,	"
"	Neill T. McCallum	"	"
"	A. L. Bullock	"	"
"	J. Evander Alford	"	"
"	Chalmers B. Coxe	"	"

Ruling Elder	Daniel J. McKay	Lone Home,	S. C.
"	Archibald S. Buie	Carmichael,	"
Deacon	Charles McRae	Alfordsville,	N. C.
"	W. F. Bullock	"	"
"	Alexander McGirt	"	"
"	John A. McCormick	"	"
"	A. C. Sinclair	"	"
"	John A. Millsaps	"	"
"	Edwin C. McNeill	Rowland,	"
"	W. Cole Williams	"	"

3.—BARBECUE CHURCH.

(No Report)

Ruling Elder	Sion Harrington	Harrington,	N. C.
"	Duncan McCormick	"	"
"	J. E. Clark, *Clerk*	Swann's Station,	"
"	J. Darrach	"	"
"	Duncan Shaw	Westville,	"
Deacon	J. McCormick	Swann's Station,	"
"	R. McDonald	"	"
"	A. Mann	"	"
"	A. A. Clark	"	"
"	James Cameron	"	"
"	George Warrick	"	"
"	Neill Shaw	"	"

4.—BENSALEM CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Allen McDonald	West End,	N. C.
"	Kenneth Matheson	Caledonia,	"
"	J. C. Munroe	Big Oak,	"
"	D. C. McKinnon	Bensalem,	"
"	J. C. McDuffie	"	"
"	K. M. Currie	West End,	"
"	H. A. Kelly	Caledonia,	"
"	W. C. Currie, *Clerk*	West End,	"

Deacon	W. P. M. Currie	”	”
"	William Seawell	Bensalem,	"
"	Alex Morrison	Big Oak,	"
"	H. H. Martin	Curriesville,	"
"	K. McAskill	Bensalem,	"

5.—BETHESDA CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	P. C. Shaw	Manly,	N. C.
"	Neill Graham	Keyser,	"
"	M. McNeill	Aberdeen,	"
"	J. B. Graham	"	"
"	John Blue	"	"
"	N. A. McKeithan, *Clerk*	"	"
Deacon	J. E. Buchan	Manly,	"
"	Geo. W. Graham	Montrose,	"

6.—BETHEL CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	William McLauchlin	Raeford,	N. C.
"	Neill McFadyen	"	"
"	J. W. McLauchlin, *Clerk*	"	"
"	J. F. McRae	"	"
"	M. A. Clark	Queensdale,	"
Deacon	J. A. McRae	Raeford,	N. C.
"	F. P. McNeill	Purcepolis,	"
"	J. T. Sinclair	Pike,	"
"	J. F. Currie	Queensdale,	"
"	H. D. McLean	Vollers,	"
"	Dr. A. P. Dickson	"	"

7.—BETHLEHEM CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Henry E. Smith, *Clerk*	Fayetteville,	N. C.
"	George McKay	"	"
Deacon	Thomas Bulla	"	"
"	A. D. McLean	"	"

8.—BIG ROCKFISH CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Lauchlin McDonald	Roslin,	N. C.
“	John A. McFadyen	“	“
“	Angus L. McLean	“	“
“	Daniel McMillan, *Clerk*	Athens,	“
Deacon	Angus McLean	Roslin,	“
“	Elias Davis	“	“
“	Daniel A. McMillan	“	“
“	Hector McNeill	Hope Mills,	“
“	William J. Buie	“	“

9.—BLUFF CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Dr. H. A. McSwain, *Clerk*	Wade,	N. C.
“	W. J. Smith	Godwin,	“
“	James McIntyre	“	“
“	J. C. Williams	Kyle's Landing,	“
“	Alexander McAllister	Wade,	“
“	Neill McMillan	Cornelia,	“
“	D. A. Bain	“	“
Deacon	W. D. Smith	Godwin,	“
“	Josiah Cook	Wade,	“
“	D. McMillan	Cornelia,	“
“	John Williams	Kyle's Landing,	“

10.—BUFFALO CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	R. N. Buie	Egypt,	N. C.
“	H. C. Dennis	Jonesboro,	“
“	Dr. John McIver	“	“
“	G. B. Cole, *Clerk*	Sanford	“
“	M. H. McIver	“	“
Deacon	D. E. McIver	Sanford,	“
“	J. L. McNeill	“	“
“	H. J. Dennis	Jonesboro,	“
“	D. B. McIver	Sanford,	“

11.—CAMERON CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Dr. K. M. Ferguson, *Clerk*	Cameron,	N. C
"	M. McL. McKeithan	"	"
"	Fergus Ferguson	"	"
"	Daniel McIntyre	"	"
"	A. B. Vick	"	"
"	William Keith	"	"
"	A. J. Keith	"	"
Deacon	N. A. McFadyen,	Cameron,	"
"	G. McFadyen	"	"

12.—CARTHAGE CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Dr. John Shaw	Carthage,	N. C.
"	Hon. J. D. McIver	"	"
"	D. P. Shields, *Clerk*	"	"
"	D. McS. Kelly	"	"
"	D. M. McLeod	"	"
"	John W. Shields	"	"
"	Dr. Gilbert McLeod	"	"
"	Thomas J. Shaw	"	"
"	L. P. Tyson	"	"
Deacon	D. P. McDonald	"	"
"	M. McL. Kelly	"	"
"	T. B. Tyson	"	"
"	H. A. McCallum	"	"
"	A. H. McNeill	"	"
"	A. C. Kelly	"	"
"	Murdoch Morris	"	"
"	R. M. Fry	"	"
"	W. J. Kelly	"	"
"	M. B. Morris	Curriesville,	"
"	M. D. McCrummen	"	"

13.—CENTRE CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	J. S. McQueen	Maxton,	N. C.
“	Col. P. P. Smith	Wakulla,	“
“	A. A. McLean	Floral College,	“
“	James McBryde,	“	“
“	Daniel Watson, *Clerk*	“	“
Deacon	Lucius McRae	Wakulla,	“
“	Purcell McEachern	Floral College,	“
“	T. B. Russell	“	“
“	William McGirt	“	“
“	G. B. Sellers	Alma,	“
“	J. L. McLean	Floral College,	“
“	Daniel Wilkinson	“	“
“	H. C. Alford	“	“

14.—CHINA GROVE CHURCH.

(No Report.)

Ruling Elder	J. A. McFarland, *Clerk*	Manchester,	N. C.
“	J. T. McCorquodale	“	“
“	Gilbert Shaw	Westville,	“

15.—CHURCH OF THE COVENANT.

(No Report.)

Ruling Elder	A. K. McDiarmid, *Clerk*	Manchester,	N. C.

16.—CULDEE CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Daniel McKenzie, *Clerk*	Carthage,	N. C.
“	John McCrummen	Curriesville,	“
“	Duncan A. Blue	Manly,	“
“	Malcom McDonald	Linden.	“
Deacon	Hugh A. McCallum	Carthage,	“
“	Neill P. McKenzie	Curriesville,	“
“	James C. Caddell	Linden,	“
“	Daniel W. McKenzie	Carthage,	“

17.—CYPRESS CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	D. G. Smith	Winder,	N. C.
“	Neill Cameron	Cameron,	“
“	N. A. A. McKeithan	Aberdeen,	“
“	A. D. McLauchlin, *Clerk*	Winder,	“
“	A. A. McKeithan	“	“
“	John H. McCallum	“	“
“	Archie McGregor	Spout Springs,	“
Deacon	D. B. McKeithan	Winder,	“
“	Alex Smith	”	”
“	P. H. Monroe	”	”

18.—DUNN CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	James Pearsall	Dunn,	N. C.
”	N. A. Graham	”	”
”	F. P. Jones, *Clerk*	”	”
Deocon	Ed. Smith	Godwin,	”
”	M. L. Wade	Dunn,	”

19.—ELLERBE SPRINGS CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	J. H. Forbis,	Ellerbe Springs,	N. C.
”	Nelson McAskill, *Clerk*	”	”
”	Daniel Henderson	”	”
”	Newton Carter	”	”
”	J. A. McLean	Gibson's Mill,	”
”	Solomon McLean	”	”
Deacon	Alex Quick	Ellerbe Springs,	”
”	A. D. Spivy	”	”
”	W. M. Blue	Gibson's Mills,	”
”	D. P. McLean	”	”
”	Robert Legrand	Roberdell,	”

20.—EUPHRONIA CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	D. C. Campbell	Quiet,	N. C.
"	J. L. Blackman	Carthage,	"
"	E. J. Harrington	Euphronia,	"
"	G. Wilcox, *Clerk*	Carbonton,	"
Deacon	Alex McRae	Quiet,	"
"	John Campbell	"	"
"	D. M. Underwood	Euphronia,	"

21.—FAYETTEVILLE CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Samuel C. Rankin	Fayetteville,	N. C.
"	Dr. James W. McNeill	"	"
"	George P. McNeill	"	"
"	William L. Hawley	"	"
"	George G. Myrover, *Clerk*	"	"
"	William P. Fife	"	"
Deacon	A. E. Rankin	"	"
"	A. A. McKethan	"	"
"	W. G. Hall	"	"
"	R. McMillan	"	"
"	H. McD. Robinson	"	"
"	R. M. Prior	"	"
"	A. P. Johnson	“	"

22.—FLAT BRANCH CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	H. D. McCormick, *Clerk*	Westville,	N. C.
"	Daniel Morrison	"	"
"	Allen Shaw	"	"
Deacon	Angus Shaw	"	"
"	John Morrison	"	"

23.—GALATIA CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	D. Shaw	Fayetteville,	N. C.
”	N. R. Blue	”	”
”	M. McInnis	”	”
“	W. G. Ray	“	“
“	N. A. Ray	“	“
“	D. A. Blue, *Clerk*	“	“
Deacon	D. B. Gillis	“	“
“	A. D. McGill	“	“
“	W. J. McCraney,	“	“
“	Neill Ray	“	“
“	D. G. Blue	“	“

24—GULF CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	John MacRae	Gulf,	“
“	J. M. McIver, *Clerk*	“	“
Deacon	J. G. Foushee	“	“
“	J. R. Hayes	“	“

25—HAYWOOD CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	J. R. Thomas, *Clerk*	Merry Oaks,	N. C.
“	J. B. Masamore	Moncure,	“
“	W. C. Kimball	“	“
Deacon	A. M. Harrington	“	“
“	N. M. Bryan	“	“

26—IONA CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Donald McLeod, *Clerk,*	Lumberton,	N. C.
“	Michael C. McIntyre	“	“
“	Edgar Price	“	“
“	Dr. John B. Brown	Leesville,	“
Deacon	Joseph F. Parker	Lumberton,	“
“	Edward Williams	Iona,	“
“	Alexander J. McLeod	Rowland,	“

27—JACKSON SPRINGS CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	D. W. McDonald	West End,	N. C.
“	N. D. J. Clark	“	“
“	Malcom Ray	“	“
“	A. McN. Currie, *Clerk*	Patterson's Bridge	
Deacon	W. R. Pool	Keyser,	“
“	D. E. Patterson	Patterson's Bridge	
“	J. B. Clark	“	“ “
“	A. L. Currie	“	“ “

28—JONESBORO CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	James Dalrymple	Jonesboro,	N. C.
“	J. R. Watson, *Clerk*	“	“
Deacon	Redin Bryan	“	“
“	J. A. McIver	“	“
“	M. B. Seawell	“	“

29—KEYSER CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	D. M. Keith	Keyser,	N. C.
“	J. McN. Johnson, *Clerk*	“	“
Deacon	D. J. Johnson	“	“
“	Eugene Addor	“	“

30—LAUREL HILL CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	M. Morrison	Laurel Hill,	N. C.
“	L. B. Prince	Laurinburg,	“
“	L. McNeill	Laurel Hill,	“
“	H. McN. Lytch	Laurinburg,	“
“	H. McLean	“	“
“	D. Z. Harden	“	“
“	H. Fairley	“	“
“	D. C. Stewart	“	“
“	A. F. Patterson, *Clerk*,	“	“
Deacon	J. B. McNeill	“	“
“	C. Buchanan	“	“
“	A. A. Malloy	Laurel Hill,	“

31—LAURINBURG CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	M. A. McDougald	Laurinburg,	N. C.
"	D. P. McKinnon	"	"
"	R. McCaskill	"	"
"	A. M. McKinnon	Floral College,	"
"	J. T. Roberts, *Clerk*	Laurinburg,	"
"	L. M. Blue	"	"
Deacon	Daniel Blue	"	"
"	W. R. McEachin	"	"
"	J. G. Wilkinson	"	"
"	A. McKay	"	"
"	Calvin McKinnon	"	"

32—LEBANON CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Alexander McKenzie	Rowland,	N. C.
"	James Haddock	Pates,	"
Deacon	Daniel Barrentine	Red Banks,	"

33—LONG STREET CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	N. D. M. Clark, *Clerk*	Argyle,	N. C.
"	M. N. Campbell	"	"
"	Neill McPhail	"	"
"	J. F. McFadyen	"	"
Deacon	Thomas Monroe	"	"
"	N. D. McLauchlin	"	"
"	J. C. McGougan	"	"
"	E. Monroe	"	"
"	D. McL. Holt	"	"
"	A. B. McFadyen	"	"

34—LUMBER BRIDGE CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Peter Brown	Lumber Bridge,	N. C.
"	Cornelius Little	"	"
"	John D. Malloy	"	"

Ruling Elder	Neill Shaw	Lumber Bridge,	N. C.
“	James A. McNeill	“	“
“	Hector McEachern, *Clerk*	“	“
“	Arch'd N. McDonald	“	“
Deacon	Malcom J. Johnson	McNatts,	N. C.
“	John A. P. Conoly	Lumber Bridge,	“
“	Edward Currie	“	“
“	Wm. C. McPhail	Shannon,	“
“	Archibald C. McGoogan	Lumber Bridge,	“

35—LUMBERTON CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	J. A. McAllister, *Clerk*	Lumberton,	N. C.
“	A. H. McLeod	“	“
“	Daniel Daker	Allenton,	“
“	Hon. Alfred Rowland	Lumberton,	“
Deacon	T. A. Norment	“	“
“	W. W. McDiarmid	“	“
“	J. H. Morrison	“	“
“	N. A. McLean	“	“

36—MARK'S CREEK CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	J. A. McDonald, *Clerk*	Hamlet,	N. C.
“	M. L. Morrison	Hoffman,	“
“	D. O. Cameron	Alfordsville,	“
“	A. R. McDonald	Hamlet,	“
“	N. A. Campbell	“	“
Deacon	M. M. McDuffie	“	“
“	Angus McLean	Old Hundred,	“
“	John Wilkes	Hoffman,	“

37—MACEDONIA CHURCH.

(No Deacons Reported.)

Ruling Elder	D. M. Hunsucker, *Clerk*	Filo,	N. C.
“	J. H. Gillis	“	“
“	T. L. Munn	Onvil,	“

Deacon	A. N. Lammands	Candor,	“
“	R. E. McAulay	Onvil,	“
“	Neill Gillis	Endicott,	“

38—MAXTON CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Dr. D. McBryde	Maxton,	N. C.
“	J. C. McCaskill	“	“
“	Capt. William Black	“	“
“	William J. Currie	“	“
“	E. F. McRae, *Clerk*	“	“
Deacon	Dr. J. D. Croom	“	“
“	M. McNair	“	“
“	A. H. Currie	“	“
“	J. S. McRae	“	“
“	A. McL. Morrison	“	“
“	R. M. McNair	Alma,	“

39—McPHERSON CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	J. A. McPherson	Fayetteville,	N. C.
“	A J. Graham	“	“
“	J. F. Martin	Dial,	“
“	A. McDougald	Hope Mills,	“
“	J. A. McArthur, *Clerk*	Fayetteville,	“
Deacon	W. H. McPherson	“	“
“	John McDuffie	“	“
“	Ruffin Vaughn	“	“

40—MIDWAY CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	George C. Fisher, *Clerk*	Maxton,	N. C.
“	Daniel M. McRae	“	“
“	John A. McRae	Branchville,	“
Deacon	Daniel L. McLean	Maxton,	“
“	Dr. O. C. Falks	Alfordsville,	“
“	Daniel H. Smith	“	“

41.—MONTPELIER CHURCH.

(Partial Report.)

Ruling Elder	Edwin Purcell, *Clerk*	Montpelier,	N. C.
"	D. P. McEachern	"	"
"	Dr. Daniel Shaw	Laurinburg,	"
Deacon	D. P. Johnson	"	"
"	Charles Purcell	Montpelier,	"

42.—MT. CARMEL CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	W. M. Stewart	Hoffman,	N. C.
"	M. N. Clark, *Clerk*	Dry Creek,	"
"	D. A. Clark	"	"
"	Miles McInnis	Bosticks,	"
Deacon	Alfred McNair	Hoffman,	"
"	D. C. McRae	Bosticks	"
"	D. C. McRae	Mt. Gilead,	"

43.—MT. PISGAH CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Hector McNeill	Harrington,	N. C.
"	Neill McLeod, *Clerk*	"	"
"	A. McN. Harrington	Jonesboro,	"
"	M. J. McNeill	Harrington,	"
"	Duncan A. Patterson	Leaflet,	"
"	William G. McLeod	Bunn's Level,	"
Deacon	M. A. McLeod	Harrington,	"
"	Allen M. Cameson	Leaflet,	"
"	Thomas W. Harrington	Harrington,	"
"	B. F. McLeod	"	"

44—MT. TABOR CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Sidney Smith	Buies,	N. C.
"	Hector McMillan *Clerk*	"	"
Deacon	Hector D. McMillan	Shannon.	"

45—MT. VERNON SPRINGS CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	J. J. White	Ore Hill,	N. C.
“	D. Y. White, *Clerk*	“	“
Deacon	J. T. Brooks	Siler City,	“
“	R. R. Vann	Ore Hill,	“

46—PEE DEE CHURCH.

(No Deacons Reported.)

Ruling Elder	W. A. Smith	Mangum,	N. C.
“	Dr. D. N. Patterson, *Clerk*	“	“
“	R. R. Little	Little's Mills,	“
“	Presley Ledbetter	“	“

47—PHILIPPI CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	John D. McNeill	Raeford,	N. C.
“	Norman McCrimmon	Lumber Bridge,	“
“	S. P. Klarpp, *Clerk*	“	“
“	L. B. McFadyen	“	“
“	D. C. Gillis	Raeford,	“
Deacon	P. P. D. Johnson	“	“
“	John Black	“	“
“	J. R. Parker	Lumber Bridge,	“

48—PHILADELPHUS CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	James McCallum	Red Springs,	N. C.
“	Archibald McMillan	“	“
“	Angus D. Brown, *Clerk*	“	“
“	John P. Smith	“	“
“	Hector J. McMillan	Philadelphus,	“
“	Daniel H. McNeill	Wakulla,	“
“	A. D. McLeod	Red Springs.	“
Deacon	W. Frierson Buie	Red Springs,	“
“	A. D. McCallum	“	“
“	N. B. McArthur	“	“
“	D. M. McKay	Rockingham,	“

49.—PITTSBORO CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	John A. Womack, *Clerk*	Pittsboro,	N. C.
“	J. A. Alston	“	“
“	G. W. Thompson, Sr	Raleigh,	“
“	O. S. Poe	Pittsboro,	“
“	Hon. T. B. Womack	“	“
Deacon	J. J. Jackson	“	“
“	S. S. Jackson	“	“

50—POCKET CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	A. M. Wicker, *Clerk*	Sanford,	N. C.
“	Dr. William Arnold	Jonesboro,	“
“	W. B. Campbell	Pocket,	“
“	Evander McGilvary	Jonesboro,	“
Deacon	T. A. Riddle	Pocket,	“
“	A. L. McIntosh	Jonesboro,	“
“	T. C. Campbell	Pocket,	“
“	W. A. Wicker	“	“

51—RED SPRINGS CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Peter McQueen	Red Springs,	N. C.
“	W. B. Brown	“	“
“	John A. McKay	“	“
“	Maj. J. R. McLean	“	“
“	John McLean, *Clerk*	“	“
Deacon	John A. Brown	“	“
“	W. M. Roberts	“	“
“	D. W. Biggs	Shannon,	“

52—ROCKINGHAM CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	D. Stewart, *Clerk*	Rockingham,	N. C.
“	Frank McNeill	“	“
“	A. M. McAulay	“	“
“	A. J. Goodman	Roberdell,	“

Deacon	Dr. J. M. Covington	Rockingham,	"
"	A. B. Nicholson	"	"
"	Alex Stewart	"	"
"	D. M. Morrison	"	"

53—SALEM CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Dr. J. L. Sheppard, *Clerk*	Broadway,	N. C.
"	D. R. McIver	Lonely,	"
"	J. J. Weldon	Forkade,	"
Deacon	N. L. Bodders	Bryants,	"
"	N. A. Dalrymple	"	"

54—SANDY GROVE CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Archibald McLeod	Manly,	N. C.
"	J. A. Gillis, *Clerk*	"	"
"	D. J. Patterson	"	"
"	D. K. McDuffie	"	"
"	D. J. Gillis	"	"
"	Neill S. Blue	"	"
"	A. C. Monroe	"	"
Deacon	M. Campbell	Antonia,	"
"	D. B. Campbell	Keyser,	"

55—SARDIS CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	J. H. Hodges	Little River Academy,	N. C.
"	Cader Parker	"	"
"	W. L. Williams	"	"
"	J. S. Smith, *Clerk*	"	"
"	John Elliott	Manchester,	"
Deacon	J. M. Hodges	Little River Academy,	"
"	John Williams	"	"
"	J. M. Davis	"	"
"	G. D. Elliott	Wicker,	"

56—SHARON CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	John A. McAuley	Mt. Gilead,	N. C.
"	John A. McRae	"	"
"	A. S. McRae	"	"
"	R. McKinnon	Wadeville,	"
"	J. M. Leach	"	"
"	D. D. McKinnon, *Clerk*	"	"
Deacon	J. C. McKinnon	Mt. Gilead,	"
"	Auley McAuley	"	"
"	John C. McAuley	"	"
"	W. S. McKinnon	Wadeville,	"
"	D. F. Robinson	"	"

57—SHERWOOD CHURCH.

(No Deacons Reported.)

Ruling Elder	Duncan Davis, *Clerk*	Sherwood,	"
"	J. D. Johnson	Tolarsville,	"

58—SHILOH CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	J. C. Currie	Pike,	N. C.
"	J. D. McLeod	"	"
"	M. McLeod	"	"
"	N. B. Currie, *Clerk*	"	"
Deacon	J. M. Graham	"	"
"	D. J. Currie	"	"
"	C. L. Blue	"	"

59—SMYRNA CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	James Stewart	John Station,	N. C.
"	Alexander McRae, *Clerk*	Clio,	S. C.
"	J. G. Whitlock	John Station,	N. C.
"	James M. Graham	Hasty,	"
"	C. S. McArthur	"	"
Deacon	D. B. McQueen	"	"
"	J. C. Stewart	John Station,	"

60—ST. ANDREWS CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	John McDougald	Swann's Station,	N. C
“	Dougald Johnson	Lemon Springs,	“
“	J. H. McPhail	“	“
“	D. C. Shaw, *Clerk*	“	“
Deacon	A. G. Thomas	Swann's Station,	“
“	J. Buie Cameron	Lemon Springs,	“
“	N. McD. Johnson	“	“
“	J. J. Edwards	“	“
“	D. F. Nicholson	“	“
“	D. Pierce	Cameron,	“

61—ST. PAULS CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Duncan McNair	St. Pauls,	N. C.
“	Duncan A. McGoogan	“	“
“	Loch Shaw	“	“
“	Duncan Bethune	Athens,	“
“	John D. McGeachy, *Clerk*.	“	“
Deacon	A. R. McEachern	St. Pauls,	“
“	Wm. N. McLean	“	“
“	M. J. McRainey	Athens,	“
“	Z. T. McMillan	“	“

62—SUMMERVILLE CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	Col. K. Murchison	Lillington,	N. C.
“	M. McKay	“	“
“	D. J. McDonald, *Clerk*	Variety Grove,	“
Deacon	K. M. McNeill	Lillington,	”
”	Duncan A. Faucette	”	”
”	F. M. McKay	Summerville,	”

63—UNION CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	R. D. Rowan, *Clerk*	Carthage,	N. C.
”	S. E. Johnson	Cameron,	”
”	J. C. Ferguson	”	”

Ruling Elder	M. Alex Monroe	"	"
"	M. J. Blue	"	"
"	Daniel McNeill	Winder,	"
"	Martin Blue	Carthage,	"
"	M. D. McNeill	Siler City,	"
Deacon	R. A. McLauchlin	Carthage,	"
"	A. G. McDonald	Victor,	"
"	J. H. McDonald	Carthage,	"
"	Francis Deaton	"	"
"	P. Kelly	Manly,	"

64—WHITE HILL CHURCH.

Ruling Elder	M. Ferguson	Greenwood,	N. C.
"	W. P. Cameron	"	"
"	D. D. Kelly	Cameron	"
"	G. G. Wicker	Greenwood,	"
"	N. B. Cameron, *Clerk*	"	"
"	K. Wicker	"	"
"	J. A. McBryde	Villanow,	"
"	J. W. Scott, Sr	Sanford,	"
Deacon	J. M. Cole	Greenwood,	"
"	H. B. Cameron	"	"
"	J. A. McLeod	Villanow,	"
"	H. Jackson	Greenwood,	"

TABULATED REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

From April 1, 1891, to October 1, 1891.

CHURCHES.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.							Sustentation.	EVANGELISTIC FUND.												
	Churches.	Ladies' Societies.	Men's Societies.	Children's Societies.	Sunday Schools.	Children's Day.	Total.	Assembly.	White.	Colored.	Presbyterial.	Synodical.	Publication.	Invalid Fund.	Colportage.	Education.	Church Erection.	Synodical Orphanage.	American Bible Society.	Presbyterial.	Total.
Antioch	$26 89	$ 8 79	$ 6 05	$	$	$	$ 41 73	$ 3 83	$ 2 55	$	$ 43 79	$ 3 86	$	$	$	$ 5 05	$	$	$	$ 10 00	$ 110 81
Ashpole								15 00				11 04				8 92				27 00	61 96
Barbecue																					
Bensalem	11 81	6 80					18 11	4 39	8 81	1 32			1 48	1 55		3 16	1 88			8 94	49 64
Bethesda	15 50	15 00			7 67		38 17				26 00	10 50		7 00	7 00					12 00	100 67
Bethel	20 73	7 75					28 48		10 67	3 22	5 22	5 44		2 47	2 45	5 16	3 65		2 67	15 00	84 43
Bethlehem	1 77						1 77	1 60	1 58		6 63		2 33	88							11 79
Big Rockfish	8 00						8 00		3 00		9 17										20 17
Bluff	85 44						35 44	8 00	7 50					6 00	3 00	17 00				12 00	88 94
Buffalo	18 15	7 50					25 65	5 60	12 04					6 45		5 83				12 50	68 07
Cameron	7 65	28 40					36 05	1 50			5 88	2 40		2 01	1 51	2 35				3 00	54 70
Carthage	18 60	5 85				9 00	33 45				17 00									15 00	65 45
Centre	9 41	46 41		7 72		20 00	83 54	13 23	9 34		12 50	45 00	7 30			12 30	7 29		2 63	20 00	213 13
Church of Covenant																					
Cypress	10 65						10 65				10 08			1 88							22 61
Culdee	1 55	9 50					11 05	1 56	1 56											3 00	17 17
Dunn	15 30						15 30	3 77							2 36						21 43
Ellerbe Springs		6 60					6 60														6 60
Euphronia	10 13						10 13		1 60	5 54											17 27
Fayetteville		74 20			7 95		82 15	20 40			40 93	87 50		17 57						30 00	278 55
S. S								1 00		1 84	9 07		1 10		1 06	1 85	2 47				18 39
Flat Branch	9 07						9 07	2 50	3 00	2 00	57		4 00	3 00		3 50	4 00			3 00	34 64
Galatia		14 65					14 65	3 54			6 25									4 10	28 54
Gulf																					
Haywood																					
Iona																2 00					2 00
Jackson Springs		3 00					3 00		8 55		8 35			6 65							26 55
Jonesboro		18 15			1 16		19 31														19 31
Keyser											5 69									5 00	10 69
Laurinburg	72 85	24 60	40 75	1 25	7 28	5 23	151 96		14 62		25 00					34 87					226 45
Laurel Hill	6 40	60 60	30 14	16 10	7 14		120 38	8 26	24 10		50 00	27 85		6 68	3 55	15 00				20 00	276 00
Lebanon		10 00					10 00									1 00					11 00
Long Street																					
Lumber Bridge	61 83	15 00		51 71	2 85	12 04	143 43	6 03	9 35		18 50	15 00		9 47							201 78
Lumberton	13 97	23 15	3 75	6 98			47 85	1 40	2 65			3 17				5 00				10 00	70 07
Mark's Creek		6 25					6 25													3 40	9 65
Macedonia									13 74											10 00	23 74
Maxton		26 75				44 11	70 86											46 11			116 97
Midway				16 14	9 45		25 59	3 72	4 00		8 00			2 41		70				3 00	47 45
McPherson	7 92	10 30				8 42	26 64	1 66	1 00					2 38		1 50					33 18
Montpelier		13 00			9 00		22 00														22 00
Mount Tabor	6 30						6 30														6 30
Mount Carmel																					
Mount Pisgah	2 00						2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	20	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	10 00	26 20
Mount Vernon	3 00	3 95		4 80			11 75	2 00						1 00		1 00	1 00			2 50	19 25
Ore Hill																					
Pee Dee	20 45						20 45				10 00					7 00					37 45
Pike	1 15					2 60	3 75		3 02							1 09					7 86
Pittsboro																					
Philadelphus	8 54						8 54					2 61									11 15
Philippi	1 58				4 00		5 58	1 92					1 73			5 56				7 50	22 29
Pocket																				7 50	7 50
Red Springs	9 24						9 24		4 48			3 79	1 57		1 94	3 72					24 74
Rockingham						1 93	1 93														1 93
Salem								2 60						2 27						3 00	7 87
Sandy Grove	6 90	7 45			9 71		24 06	5 28	2 19		12 30			2 90		3 76	3 47	1 95		20 25	76 26
Sardis	12 05	10 00					22 05		3 00		1 08	1 08	2 59	4 38	1 18	2 16				6 00	44 02
Sharon	8 00	16 75					24 75		2 50					1 50		1 50				4 00	34 25
Shiloh	71				2 44		3 15							61						3 00	6 76
Sherwood									3 00												3 00
St. Andrews	13 50						13 50		6 50											10 00	30 00
Smyrna	15 00	14 40					29 40	3 00	11 25		7 80	3 65	3 20	3 00		5 00				10 00	76 30
St. Pauls	21 37	11 00			13 00	12 98	58 35		11 63		25 00			19 97	3 62	12 41					181 01
Summerville								9 85	4 55	6 73		3 31	3 20	4 52		34 73	3 63			10 00	80 52
Union	10 50						10 50													19 00	29 50
White Hill	6 00						6 00	2 07												5 00	13 07
Eldorado											6 00										6 00
Star											3 00										3 00
Presbyterial Collection							59 75														59 75
Candor									6 60												6 60
Mr. Ro N. Page											10 00										10 00
Totals							$ 1,478 31	$ 135 71	$ 199 38	$ 21 65	$ 384 01	$ 227 20	$29 50	$ 117 76	$29 17	$ 205 15	$28 39	$50 06	$ 6 30	$ 344 79	$ 3,257 38
Balances April 1st, 1891								113 12		50 00	416 80	1 98			19 99	1 00				106 16	709 05
Aggregates October 1st, 1891							$ 1,478 31	$ 248 83	$ 199 38	$ 71 65	$ 800 81	$ 229 18	$29 50	$ 117 76	$49 16	$ 206 15	$28 39	$50 06	$ 6 30	$ 450 95	$ 3,966 43
Disbursements							1,113 87	175 00		25 00	700 00	151 00			20 00	201 48		50 06		435 29	2,871 70
Balances October 1st, 1891							$ 364 44	$ 73 83	$ 199 38	$ 46 65	$ 100 81	$ 78 18	$29 50	$ 117 76	$29 16	$ 4 67	$28 39		$ 6 20	$ 15 66	$ 1,094 72

THE ORDER OF COLLECTIONS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS—January and August.
SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS—February and June.
PUBLICATION AND COLPORTAGE—March.
EDUCATION—April and November.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—May and October.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS—September.
COLORED EVANGELIZATION—December.

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MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE,

ONE HUNDRED

AND FIFTY-NINTH SESSION,

SEPTEMBER, 1892,

BETHESDA CHURCH.

MINUTES

OF

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

PRO RE NATA MEETING

AT JONESBORO SEPTEMBER 6, AND FAYETTEVILLE SEPTEMBER 12, 1892.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY–NINTH SESSION

AT BETHESDA CHURCH, SEPT. 27–30, 1892.

THE ADJOURNED MEETING

AT SYNOD IN STATESVILLE, N. C.

WITH AN APPENDIX.

ROBESONIAN JOB PRINT, LUMBERTON, N. C.

PRO RE NATA MEETING.

JONESBORO, N. C., September 6, 1892.

Presbytery convened pursuant to a call therefor by the Moderator, to effect the dissolution of the Pastoral relation between Rev. D. N. McLauchlin and Buffalo, Jonesboro, Salem and Pocket churches, if the way be clear, and then give him a letter of dismission to connect himself with Bethel Presbytery; and also to examine Mr. D. P. McGeachy, a member of St. Pauls Church, with a view to receiving him under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Holy Ministry.

The Presbytery was opened with prayer.

ROLL.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. M. Clark,	J. R. Watson,	Jonesboro,
D. N. McLauchlin,	Evander McGilvary,	Pocket,
A. J. McKelway,	R. N. Buie,	Buffalo.
J. S. Black.	....	....

Mr. D. P. McGeachy was examined according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order, and received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Holy Ministry.

Rev. D. N. McLauchlin asked Presbytery to dissolve his Pastoral relation with Buffalo, Jonesboro, Salem and Pocket churches. The churches not being ready to report any congregational action on the matter, and inasmuch as congregational meetings to consider the subject had been called to do so on the following Sabbath, the 11th inst., Presbytery adjourned to meet in Fayetteville September 12, at 8 P. M., to conclude the business.

The minutes were read and approved.

Closed with prayer by Rev. A. J. McKelway.

J. M. CLARK,
Moderator.

J. S. BLACK,
Temporary Clerk.

ATTEST: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED PRO RE NATA MEETING.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., September 12, 8 P. M , 1892.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer by him. Rev. A. J. McKelway was made Temporary Clerk.

ROLL.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
D. N. McLauchlin,	Dr. J. W. McNeill.	Fayetteville.
J. M. Clark,	....	....
A. J. McKelway,	....	....
P. R Law.	....	....

Communications to the Presbytery were read from Buffalo, Jonesboro, Salem and Pocket churches concurring with Rev. D. N. McLauchlin in asking that the Pastoral relations existing between him and them be dissolved.

A communication addressed to the Presbytery by Purity Church in Bethel Presbytery was read also, setting out that it had called Rev. D. N. McLauchlin to be its Pastor

The Pastoral relations between Rev. D. N. McLauchlin and Buffalo, Jonesboro, Salem and Pocket churches were ordered to be dissolved, and Rev. D. N McLauchlin to be dismissed by certificate, at his request, to connect himself with Bethel Presbytery.

Rev. M. McG. Shields was ordered to preach this week, if possible, at Jonesboro and Salem churches, and Rev. W. F. Thom to preach at Buffalo and Pocket churches this week, if possible, and declare these churches vacant. Rev. D. N. McLauchlin was made alternate to both.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bethesda Church, Tuesday September 27, at 11 A. M., 1892.

J. M. CLARK,
Moderator.

A. J. McKELWAY,
Temporary Clerk.

ATTEST: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING.

BETHESDA CHURCH, Tuesday, September 27, 1892.

Presbytery convened at 11 A. M. according to adjournment, in Bethesda Church, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. J. M. Clark, the retiring Moderator, from II Timothy 2 : 9 * * "But the word of God is not bound."

The Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

THE ROLL.

The following members were present during the meeting of the Presbytery : *

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS	CHURCHES.
A. McMillan,	R. F. Currie,	Antioch,
A. N. Ferguson,	Dr. Duncan Sinclair,	Ashpole,
K. M. McIntyre,	W. C. Currie,	Bensalem,
J. S. Black,	Neill Graham,	Bethesda,
P. R. Law,	Neill McFadyen,	Bethel,
J. W. Johnston,	G. B. Cole, [2]	Buffalo,
J. M. Clark,	M. McL. McKeithan,	Cameron,
K. A. McLeod, [2]	Dr. John Shaw,	Carthage,
M. N. McIver,	M. A. McDougald,	Culdee,
W. F. Thom, [2]	N. A. A. McKeithan,	Cypress,
G. A. Hough, [1]	Nelson McCaskill, [2]	Ellerbe Springs
M. McG. Shields,	E. J. Harrington, [2]	Euphronia,
W. B. Arrowood,	S. C. Rankin [1]	Fayetteville,
W. M. Eldridge,	W. S. Russell, [2]	Gulf.
D. W. Fox, [2]	Malcom Ray, [2]	Jackson Spri'gs

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* The figure one after each name indicates arrival and enrollment in the afternoon of first day, after giving satisfactory reasons for tardiness. The figures two or three indicate the days of arrival and enrollment, after rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness. The names followed by no figures were present at the organization.

A. J. McKelway,[1]	J. R. Watson,[2]	Jonesboro,
....	D. M. Keith,	Keyser,
....	Loch McNeill,[3]	Laurel Hill,
....	J. H Morgan,	Laurinburg,
....	Peter Brown,	Lumber Bri'ge,
....	J. A. McDonald,[2]	Mark's Creek
....	D. M Hunsucker,[2]	Macedonia,
....	W. J. Currie,	Maxton,
....	D. M. McRae,	Midway,
....	N. McNeill,[1]	Montpelier,
....	D. A. Clark,[2]	Mt. Carmel,
....	Neill McLeod,[1]	Mt. Pisgah,
....	H. McMillan,[1]	Mt. Tabor,
....	D. C. Gillis,	Philippi,
....	A D. McLeod,	Philadelphus,
....	Dr. William Arnold,[2]	Pocket,
....	Peter McQueen,[1]	Red Springs,
....	A. M. McAuley,	Rockingham,
....	D. R. McLean,	Salem,
....	D. J. Gillis,	Sandy Grove,
....	R. McKinnon,[2]	Sharon,
....	M. McLeod,	Shiloh,
....	D. Johnston,	St. Andrews,
....	S. E. Johnston,[2]	Union,
....	N. B. Cameron,	White Hill.

The following Ministers were absent and churches not represented:

MINISTERS ABSENT.

J. P. McPherson,
Joseph Evans,
David Fairley,
N. McKay, D. D.,
A. McQueen,
A. Currie,
D. D. McBryde,
H. G. Hill, D. D.,
J. M. Rose.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Barbecue,
Bethlehem,
Big Rockfish,
Bluff
Centre,
China Grove,
Church of Cov't
Dunn,
Flat Branch,
Galatia,
Haywood,
Iona,
Lebanon,
Longstreet,
Lumberton,
McMillan's Ch'l
McPhersons,
Mt. Vernon Sp'gs
Pee Dee,
Pittsboro,
Sardis,
Shannon,
Sherwood,
St. Pauls,
Smyrna,
Summerville.

ORGANIZATION.

Rev. M. McG. Shields was elected Moderator and Rev. J. S. Black and Elder W. J. Currie Temporary Clerks.

Presbytery receded from business until 2:30 P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator at 2:30 P. M. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been printed and published were approved without reading. The minutes of the *pro re nata* meeting held at Jonesboro and Fayetteville were read and approved.

REPORT ON VACANCIES AND ABSENTEES.

The Stated Clerk submitted the following report touching Vacancies and Absentees:

1. The office of the Agent of Publication, Colportage and the North Carolina Presbyterian, and also of committeeman on the Examination Committee on English Branches and Hebrew are vacant by reason of the transfer of Rev. D. N. McLauchlin to Bethel Presbytery.
2. The following churches made no report to the Presbytery at the Spring Meeting: Sherwood, Mt Carmel, Euphronia, Sardis, Bethlehem, Macedonia Bensalem, Mark's Creek, Sharon, Pee Dee, Philippi and Shiloh.
3. The following Ministers were absent from the last meeting without excuse: A. McQueen, K. M. McIntyre and M. N. McIver.

Received.

EXCUSED FOR ABSENCE.

Rev. J. M. Rose was excused for absence from this meeting, and Rev. K. M. McIntyre for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery.

AGENT APPOINTED.

Rev. W. B. Arrowood was, on motion, made Agent *pro tem.* of Publication, Colportage, and *North Carolina Presbyterian.*

THE COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Leave of Absence—Rev. K. A. McLeod and Elders J. H. Morgan and S. C. Rankin.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. J. W. Johnston and Elders Neill Graham and D. M. Keith.

Narrative—Rev. W. B. Arrowood and Elders Peter Brown and D. Johnston.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. W. M. Eldridge and Elders R. F. Currie and A. M. McAuley.

Calls and Supplies—Rev. M. N. McIver and Elders N. A. A. McKeithan and A. D. McLeod.

Minutes of General Assembly—Rev. K. M. McIntyre and Elders D. R. McIver and Neill N. McFadyen.

Nominations—Rev. A. N. Ferguson and Elders Dr. John Shaw and D. C. Gillis.

Bills and Overtures—Rev. J. M. Clark and Elders N. B. Cameron, Dr. Duncan Sinclair, W. J. Currie and D. J. Gillis.

COMMUNICATIONS READ AND REFERRED.

A communication from Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., and one from the Faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary were read and referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

A communication from Rev. E. K. Hazen, D. D., was read and referred to the Agent of Publication.

CALLS.

The following calls were read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies .

1. From Culdee Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. M. Eldridge one Sabbath in each month on a salary of two hundred dollars a year.

2. From St. Andrew's Church for one-half of Licentiate D. M. McIver's time as Pastor, on a salary of three hundred dollars a year; from White Hill Church for one-fourth of Licentiate McIver's time as Pastor, on a salary of one hundred and sixty dollars a year; from Mt. Pisgah Church for one-fourth of Licentiate McIver's time as Pastor, on a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars a year.

PRINTING MINUTES AND DOCKETS.

It was ordered that enough copies of the minutes of Presbytery be printed to furnish each Minister, Elder and Deacon with a copy. And that one hundred copies of the docket for the next meeting be printed.

CONVERSATION ON RELIGION.

The Free Conversation on the State of Religion in the churches was taken up. Pending its consideration Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. A. N. Ferguson.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, September 28, 1892.

Presbytery was called to order according to adjournment, and opened with devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

CALLS.

The following calls were read for the pastoral services of Rev. M. McG. Shields: By Buffalo Church for one-fourth of his time and the fifth Sabbaths, on a salary of two hundred and forty-seven dollars and fifty cents; by Pocket Church for one-fourth of his time, on a salary of one hundred and eighty-four dollars; by Jonesboro Church for one-fourth of his time, on a salary of two hundred dollars; and a call by Salem Church. The calls were referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

A communication from Cypress Church, opposing the removal of its Pastor, Rev. M. McG. Shields, was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. Dr. T. H. Law, of Enoree Presbytery, and Rev. E. W Smith, of Orange Presbytery, were invited to sit in the body as corresponding members, and were formally introduced by the Moderator.

DAILY SITTINGS.

The following order was made respecting the time of daily sessions: That the forenoon sitting be from 9 A. M. to 12 M., the last hour to be spent in divine services; and the afternoon sitting to be from 1:30 P. M. to 5 P. M.

ORDERS MADE.

It was ordered that John McLaurin, Esq., Editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, be heard in behalf of his paper at 10:30 o'clock to-day.

The hearing of the report of the Committee on Church and Christian Education and Prof. H. L. Smith in behalf of Davidson College, was made the order of the day at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

The hearing of the report of the Executive Committee on the Evangelization of the Colored People was made the first order of the day to-morrow afternoon.

The hearing of the report of the Executive Committee of Home Missions and Rev. E. W. Smith in behalf of Synodical Evangelization, was made the first order of the day Friday.

The hearing of the report of the Executive Committee on Education was made the second order of the day Friday.

OVERTURE.

An overture, which asked Synod to transfer Johnston County, in Albemarle Presbytery, to Fayetteville Presbytery was submitted for adoption. It was received and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The unfinished business, the Free Conversation on the State of Religion in the churches, was resumed.

JOHN McLAURIN AND THE PRESBYTERIAN.

The order of the day, the hearing of John McLaurin, Esq., the Editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, in behalf of his paper, was taken up, and Mr. McLaurin was heard in behalf of his paper.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Presbytery engaged in divine service one hour, and then took recess until 1:30 P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 P. M.

The unfinished business, the Free Conversation on the State of Religion in the churches, was resumed and completed.

MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY.

Rev. K. M. McIntyre submitted the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly as follows:

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly call the attention of the Presbytery to the following items:

1. Page 462, That the General Assembly directs the Presbyteries to enjoin their Commissioners to the General Assembly to remain in attendance on that body until its final adjournment. Your Committee recommends that the Presbytery so enjoin its Commissioners.

2. Page 442. The Presbyteries of the General Assembly are urged to unite upon the Assembly's present plan of conducting Home Mission work. Your committee recommend that this Presbytery follow the plan urged by the General Assembly.

Received and adopted.

RECONSIDERATION OF FOREGOING.

The adoption of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly was reconsidered, and its recommendations taken up and considered *seriatim*. The first recommendation was adopted and the second recommendation was rejected.

THE REVISED DIRECTORY FOR WORSHIP.

The Revised Directory for Worship was referred to a special committee for criticisms, to be reported at the adjourned meeting to be held during the session of Synod at Statesville, the committee to consist of Rev. Messrs. K. M. McIntyre, P. R. Law, W. B. Arrowood, and Elders D. R. McIver and Neill McFadyen.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALLS AND SUPPLIES.

Rev. M. N. McIver made the following report from the Committee on Calls and Supplies:

1. That it finds the call from Culdee Church for Rev W. M. Eldridge as Pastor is in order, and recommends that it be placed in his hands.
2 That it finds the calls from St. Andrews, White Hill and Mt. Pisgah Churches for the Pastoral services of Rev. D. M McIver are in order, and recommends that they be placed in his hands.
3 That it finds the calls from Buffalo, Pocket, Jonesboro and Salem Churches for the Pastoral services of Rev. M. McG. Shields are in order and recommends that they be placed in his hands

The report was received.

THE CALL OF CULDEE CHURCH.

The call of Culdee Church for the Pastoral services of Rev. W. M. Eldridge was placed in his hands, and he signified his acceptance of the same.

THE CALL OF ST. ANDREWS, WHITE HILL AND MT. PISGAH.

The calls of St. Andrews, White Hill and Mt. Pisgah Churches for the Pastoral services of Rev. W. M. Eldridge were placed in his hands, and he having signified his willingness to accept the same, order was made for his examination in order to his ordination and installation as Pastor thereof.

THE CALLS OF BUFFALO, POCKET, JONESBORO AND SALEM.

It was moved that the calls of Buffalo, Pocket, Jonesboro and Salem Churches for the Pastoral services of Rev. M. McG. Shields be placed in his hands. Pending the consideration of this motion Rev. E. W. Smith presented, in behalf of the Synodical Evangelistic Committee, a call for Rev. M. McG. Shields to labor in the county of Person in the Presbytery of Orange, as a Local Evangelist. This call was placed in the hands of Rev. M. McG. Shields as a substitute.

REV. M. McG. SHIELDS' RESIGNATION.

Rev. M. McG. Shields asked Presbytery to dissolve the Pastoral relations subsisting between him and Union, Cameron and Cypress Churches, that he might accept the call which had been placed in his hands. The Pastoral relations were accordingly dissolved.

SHANNON CHURCH ORGANIZED.

Rev. J. M. Clark made the following report from the Commission appointed to organize a church at Shannon if the way be clear:

> The Commission appointed at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery to organize a church at Shannon, if the way should be found clear, met there on the 16th inst., all the members of the Commission being present, and was constituted with prayer by the Chairman Rev. P R. Law was appointed Clerk. Letters of dismission were presented by twenty-two members of Lumber Bridge Church, who, at their own request, were dismissed from that church to be organized into a Presbyterian Church at Shannon. There being nothing found in the way to prevent such an organization, a church was accordingly constituted according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order, under the name of Shannon Presbyterian Church, consisting of twenty-two members. Three Elders and one Deacon were elected to serve the church, and two of the Elders and one Deacon elected were duly ordained and installed. One of the Elders-elect at his own request, was granted time to consider the matter before deciding to accept the office.

The report was received and adopted, and the church ordered to be enrolled and assessed two dollars and fifty cents for the Presbyterial Fund.

REPORTS OF INSTALLATIONS.

The committees to install Rev. W. B. Arrowood at Laurinburg, Rev. W. M. Eldridge at Carthage, and Rev. J. S. Black at Summerville, reported the work had been done as ordered.

The reports were received and approved.

REPORT OF SUPPLIES.

Rev. A. J. McKelway reported he had supplied Sherwood Church as ordered. Rev. J. S. Black reported that he had not, for lack of time, supplied Sherwood Church as ordered, and both the reports were received and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. M. Clark.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY; September 29th, 1892.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Treasurer's statement was submitted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the minutes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY MADE.

It was made the second order of the day this afternoon to hear an address by Rev. Dr. T. H. Law in behalf of the American Bible Society.

It was made the order of the day to hear the Trial Sermon of Licentiate D. M. McIver at 11 o'clock this forenoon.

It was made the order of the day to-morrow at 11 A. M. to hear the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions. In the absence of the Agent, Rev. A. J. McKelway was appointed Agent *Pro Tempore.*

It was made the third order of the day this afternoon to hear the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

MANSE ERECTION.

Rev. J. M. Clark offered the following resolution on Manse Erection.

Resolved, That Presbytery elect an Agent to be known as "the Agent on the Erection of Manses," whose business it shall be to confer with the congregations within our bounds, and endeavor to show the importance of erecting a manse in every pastoral charge, and urge the churches constituting the respective charges to the consideration of building a manse in every charge at as early a day as practicable, and that said agent shall make a report of his work at each Fall meeting of Presbytery.

Adopted.

AGENT OF MANSE ERECTION.

Rev. J. M. Clark was elected the Agent of Manse Erection as provided for in the foregoing resolution.

McMILLAN'S CHAPEL CHURCH ORGANIZED.

The Commission to organize a church at McMillan's Chapel submitted the following report:

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery at Pittsboro to organize a church at McMillan's Chapel, if the way be clear, report that the church was organized on the 30th of June. It was organized with forty-three members. The names of the Elders elected, ordained and installed are Samuel Bain, John C. Bain and D. A. McMillan. Deacons: N. W. Bain and N. H. Williams.

Respectfully submitted,
D. D. McBryde,
G. A. Hough,
S. C. Rankin,
W. J. Smith,
Committee.

The report was received and adopted, and the church ordered to be assessed three dollars for the Presbyterial Fund.

CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The order of the day for this hour being the consideration of the report of the Committee on Church and Christian Education, the report was read by the Chairman, Rev. P. R. Law. It is as follows:

The Committee on Church and Christian Education would submit the following report: In view of the great scarcity of money and depression in business within our bounds, your committee adjudged it wisest to postpone an active canvass to raise any money the past Summer for the establishment of the schools contemplated in the action taken by the last meeting of Presbytery.

Nevertheless, the Committee has not been entirely idle. It has utilized every known opportunity to awaken and deepen interest in the enterprise. Not only so, but it has moreover sought opportunities to advance the cause by seeking bids from eligible localities for Presbyterial consideration. One of these, which has been carefully formulated, we submit as follows:

"*To the Presbytery of Fayetteville at Bethesda Church, N. C.:*

We, the Trustees of Floral College, would respectfully submit to the Presbytery of Fayetteville the following proposition and plan for rendering Floral College a Presbyterial High School for girls:

1. That the Presbytery appoint from its own body a committee of three or five for the purpose of raising in all its churches an additional capital of four thousand dollars, scattering this amount in as many congregations as possible, to be expended in putting the buildings in thorough order, and in providing all the needed furniture for a first-class boarding school.

2. That all the stock-holders, those now interested and any others who may take stock, shall be entitled to send a pupil for each share of stock of twenty-five dollars, and to receive a reduction of from twenty to twenty-five per cent. upon the English tuition paid each year until the amount of stock has been returned, provided that twenty-five per cent. reduction shall not be paid unless the school numbers one hundred pupils.

3. That when the money has been raised, and the buildings and grounds put in complete order, the Trustees elected by the stockholders shall rent the property to a competent Principal for a moderate sum covering insurance and incidental repairs, and that, in con-

sideration of having the use of the property for a nominal rent, the Principal shall make the rates of tuition as low as the maintenance of the school will allow

4. That when the additional capital has been subscribed and paid, there shall be a meeting of the stock-holders to elect Trustees for a year to consider the expediency of vesting the title to the property in the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and to determine whether the charter should be so amended as to give to the Presbytery of Fayetteville the annual election of the Trustees.

Signed by the following Trustees, the whole number being nine.

H. G. HILL, D. D , *President.*
McK. McKINNON,
E. F. McRAE,
J. L. McLEAN,
J. C. McCASKILL,
W. S McNAIR,
JAMES McBRYDE,
LUCIUS McRAE.

Your Committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery accept the foregoing proposition of the Trustees of the Floral College property, and that the Committee on Church and Christian Education be authorized and directed to raise as early as practicable four thousand dollars in paid up stock by a canvass of the churches of the Presbytery in order to the re-opening of Floral College as a high grade boarding school for girls, under the ownership and control of Fayetteville Presbytery.

2. That the Committee on Church and Christian Education be authorized and directed to take steps at once looking to the establishment of a school of high grade for boys by soliciting bids for said school, and also the means needed for its establishment, over and above the proffered means of the bid that may be accepted, by an active canvass of the churches of the Presbytery.

The report was received, and on the motion to consider its recommendations *seriatim*, Professor H. L. Smith made an address in behalf of Davidson College. The recommendations were adopted severally, and the report as a whole.

TRIAL SERMON OF LICENTIATE McIVERS.

The hour of the day to hear the Trial Sermon of Licentiate D. M. McIver having arrived, he preached from Romans 8 : 28.

Presbytery receded from business until 1 : 30 P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by the Moderator.

After roll-call for criticism, the Trial Sermon of Licentiate D. M. McIver was approved as satisfactory.

VISITING BROTHER.

Rev. W. J. Crowson, of the M. E. Church, was invited to sit in the Presbytery as a visiting brother, and was formally introduced by the Moderator.

LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

A report from the Women's Presbyterial Foreign Missionary Society within our bounds was read, and the *Stated Clerk* directed to make an appropriate response thereto.

STATED SUPPLY FOR SHANNON CHURCH.

A call from Shannon Church for the services of Rev. P. R. Law as Stated Supply one Sabbath afternoon in each month, on a salary of one hundred dollars a year, was read, and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED RACE.

The order of the day, the report of the Executive Committee on the Evangelization of the Colored Race, having arrived, the Chairman, Rev. G. A. Hough, read the report.

The report was received and the recommendations recommitted.

THE REPORT ON VISITATION.

Rev. J. M. Clark, the Agent of Visitation, made a report thereon, which was received and docketed.

ADDRESS BY REV. DR. T. H. LAW.

The hour having arrived to hear Rev. Dr. Law in behalf of the interests of the Bible cause, he made an address on the subject.

The following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED, That the Presbytery has heard with pleasure and profit Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., in the interests of the Bible Cause, and furthermore directs all its Ministers and Sessions to see to it that every church make a contribution for the Bible Cause on the third Sabbath in October, as the General Assembly directs, or at some other time before the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

OVERTURE ADOPTED.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures submitted the following report:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures would report that the following overture has been placed in their hands and considered viz: "That Fayetteville Presbytery overture the Synod of North Carolina to transfer Johnson County from Albemarle to Fayetteville Presbytery," and would recommend that this overture be adopted by the Presbytery.

J. M. CLARK, *Chairman.*

Received and adopted.

REPORT OF AGENT OF VISITATION.

The report of theAgent of Visitation was taken from the docket and its recommendations stricken out. The report, as amended, is as follows:

Your Agent for Visitation would report as follows for the year ending September 25, 1892:

District No. 1—No report has been received from the committee in this district, of which Rev. D. Fairley is chairman, although an effort was made to secure it.

District No 2—In reply to a request which your Agent made for a report of work in this district Rev. D. D. McBryde, the chairman of the committee, replied that none of the churches in the district have been visited within the last year

District No. 3—Rev. P. R. Law, chairman, reports that all the churches in the district, composed of Bethlehem, Fayetteville, Big Rockfish, Sherwood, Philippi, Bethel, and Galatia were visited since the last Fall meeting of Presbytery and all the churches in his district within two years. At all the churches the word was preached by members of the committee. At many of these churches great defects in organization, and glaring inconsistencies in the conduct of officers and members were found, and, it is hoped, were corrected. Harmony generally prevailed. Some of these churches had neither Sabbath school, Prayer-meeting nor Missionary Society, and on vigorously urging the necessity for these, it was generally resolved by the churches to organize such. Some of the churches were in arrears and steps were taken to pay up all indebtedness. On some of the churches it was shown that both official and unofficial members had not been properly observing the line which separated the church from the world, and this was sharply reproved In all the churches it was felt that good had been accomplished by the visits of the committee.

District No. 4—Rev. A. N. Ferguson, chairman of the committee, reported that the only church visited in his district since last Fall meeting of Presbytery, was Mark's Creek. Two days were spent with that church, and the word was preached each day. The spiritual and financial condition of the church was found not to be encouraging, but the committee left the church with new resolves to prosecute the Master's work.

District No. 5—Rev. Joseph Evans, chairman, reported that two churches, Mt. Tabor and Ashpole were visited within the last year with very encouraging results. The word was preached at each church by members of the committee. Your Agent is glad to be able to report encouraging results from the visitations which have been made by the committees, but he regrets to have to report so much neglect on the part of some of the committees in this important work of visitation. It has been clearly demonstrated that the system of visitation adopted by our Presbytery is the best available method of conducting Presbyterial oversight of the churches, and of stirring up those churches to greater diligence in the work committed unto them.

J. M. CLARK, *Agent.*

Adopted.

EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

The recommendation of the report on the Evangelization of the Colored People which had been recommitted was reported back and received and amended, and another recommendation added. The recommendations are as follows:

1. We recommend that this Presbytery do all in its power to support this cause by bringing it before the people, and insisting that it is a christian duty to contribute to this cause
2. Presbytery recommends that the first Sabbath of December next, or as soon after as practicable, be set apart as a day of prayer for this cause, and according to a programme suitable for this occasion, to be suggested by the Secretary and used by Pastors and Sessions at discretion.

Adopted.

COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE A CHURCH.

Rev. K. A. McLeod introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That Fayetteville Presbytery appoint a Commission consisting of Revs. W B. Arrowood, K. M. McIntyre and K. A. McLeod, with Elder R McKinnon, to organize a church at Wadeville, if the way be clear. The time of the meeting of the Commission to be agreed on by itself.

Adopted.

CALL OF SHANNON CHURCH.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies made a report recommending that the call of Shannon Church for the services of Rev. P. R. Law as Stated Supply be granted on the terms named.

Received and adopted.

NAMES OF CANDIDATES REMOVED.

The following resolutions were introduced:

Inasmuch as Charles A. Jones has not reported to Presbytery since he was taken under the care thereof, over three years ago, and whereas all efforts to find out his whereabouts and his intentions for the future have failed.

Resolved, That his name be dropped from the roll of our candidates.

Inasmuch as Allen Jones, Jr., another candidate, has not reported for some time past as to his intentions for the future; and inasmuch as the decided opinion of those best acquainted with the present status of said candidate is that his name be dropped from our roll,

Resolved, Therefore that his name be and is hereby dropped from our roll.

Adopted.

RESOLUTION ABOUT COLLECTIONS.

The following resolution was submitted:

Resolved, That at each Spring meeting of Presbytery the chairman of the committee having in hand the statistical reports shall be required to report the churches failing to send up any report, and also the churches failing to contribute to all the causes ordered by the Presbytery and General Assembly, and in connection with the consideration of this report, every Minister and Ruling Elder from such churches be called on to give reason for not giving the people an opportunity to contribute to all the causes, and thus experience that "It is more blessed to give than to receive"

Adopted.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Rev. A. N. Ferguson submitted the following report on nominations:

Your committee would make recommendations as follows:

That the Home Missions Committee remain the same.

That the Education Committe remain the same with the addition of Ruling Elder L. B Prince in place of Angus Blue deceased.

That the Executive Committee on the Bible Cause remain the same.

For Synodical Evangelization: Rev. W. M. Eldridge, Dr. G. McLeod, James Dalrymple.

The Committee on Colored Evangelization remain same as at present.

That the Agent of Systematic Beneficence, Foreign Missions and Visitation remain as at present

That for Agent of Publication, Colportage and *North Carolina Presbyterian*, Rev. W. B. Arrowood be appointed

That the Agent for Sabbath-schools remain as at present.

That the following change be made in the Trustees of Donaldson Academy: A. A. McKeithan be appointed in place of E. T. McKeithan deceased. Rev. D. D. McBryde in place of Rev. J. P. McPherson infirm, John Elliott in place of William Elliott deceased, J. W McLauchlin in place of M. E. Dye, deceased.

That Capt. S. C. Rankin be elected Trustee of Davidson College for four years.

That the Committee on Church and Christian Education be Rev's P. R. Law, J. S. Black, H. G. Hill D. D., A. J. McKelway and Hon. J. D. McIver.

For Committees on Examination:

1. Natural Science—Rev. D D. McBryde, Rev. M. N. McIver and Elder G. P. McNeill.

2. English Branches—Rev. A. McQueen, Rev. D. W. Fox, Rev. W. M. Eldridge and Elder A. A. Watson.

3. Latin and Greek—Rev. J. W. Johnston, Rev. A. McMillan, Rev. K. A. McLeod and Rev. W. B. Arrowood.

4. Mental and Moral Science—Rev. W. F. Thom, Rev. P. R. Law and Elder L. M. Blue.

5. Hebrew—Rev. A. J McKelway, Rev. J. S. Black and Rev. J. M. Clark.

6. Theology—Rev. H. G. Hill, D D., Rev. K M McIntyre, N. McKay, D. D., Rev. Joseph Evans and Elder Neill A. McKeithan.

7. Church Government and Sacraments—Rev. D. D. McBryde, Rev. K. A. McLeod and Elder Dr. John Shaw

8. Ecclesiastical History—Rev. P. R. Law, Rev. G. A. Hough, Rev. A. N. Ferguson and Elder Jesse Smith.

Adopted.

REV. M. McG. SHIELDS DISMISSED.

Rev. M. McG. Shields was, at his own request, granted a certificate of dismission to connect himself with the Presbytery of Orange.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Laurinburg was selected as the place for the next regular meeting of the Presbytery.

Presbytery, on motion, receded from business until 8 P. M., to meet in the academy near the church.

RECESS.

Presbytery convened at 8 o'clock P. M., in the academy near the church, and was called to order by the Moderator.

LICENTIATE McIVER EXAMINED.

Licentiate McIver's examination looking to his ordination was resumed, and he was examined on Experimental Religion, Theology, Church History and the Sacraments, and the examinations approved as satisfactory parts of trial.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. K. M. McIntyre.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, September 30, 1892.

Presbytery convened according to adjournment, and was opened with devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

COLPORTAGE AND NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. W. B. Arrowood, the Agent of Publication, Colportage and the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, submitted the following report:

Your Colporteur, Mr. Campbell, has been prosecuting the work, as opportunity offered, with encouraging success since the last meeting of Presbytery. In the future prosecution of his work he is commended to the churches, believing that the religious literature which he sells, if extensively bought and read by our people, will be instrumental in doing great good in the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom. The report of the Treasurer shows the fact that the money for this cause has been overdrawn to the amount of over $9.00. Your Agent recommends:

1. That three hundred dollars, the amount asked for by the General Assembly's Committee, be apportioned among the churches by the Agent, and after the demands of our Presbyterial work are met the remainder, if any, shall be sent to the Assembly's Committee of Publication.

2. This Presbytery would reiterate its action last Spring (see minutes, page 32), calling upon its Ministers to explain that this collection is for *Colportage;* also insisting that its *Ministers* act as agents of the *North Carolina Presbyterian.*

Adopted.

NARRATIVE.

The following report on a Narrative to the Synod on the State of Religion in the Churches was submitted by the Committee on the Narrative:

Fayetteville Presbytery includes within its bounds sixty-six churches, two of these churches have been organized since the Spring meeting of Presbytery. Fifty-eight of these are regularly supplied with the preached word by twenty Ministers. The other eight are vacant. Three of our Ministers are infirm, two without charge and one a synodical Evangelist.

A verble report from about fifty of our sixty-six churches reveals much that is encouraging, but the brightness is not without its shadows. Almost all our churches enjoy harmony and a healthy growth, both as to numbers and spirituality, while the sad refrain of discord and spiritual decline comes up from two or three. Four of our churches report refreshing revivals, in one of which seventy-nine were added to the church, and in another twenty.

The churches, as a rule, appear unusually well organized, having Sabbath-schools and Ladies' Missionary Societies in a flourishing condition, while a large majority of them report Prayer-meetings (some times two, three or four in the bounds of the congregation) well-attended The churches, with but few exception, report their obligations to their Ministers as met, or will be at the end of the year, while collections are taken for the various objects ordered by the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.

While there are indications of slight improvement in the observance of family worship in some of our churches, the neglect of this duty in a large majority of our families and in many of the families of our officers is sad, sad! Oh, for a baptism of the spirit that will revive family religion.

It is gratifying to report that most of our Ministers are reaching out into the religions beyond and are preaching on Sabbath afternoons at mission points contiguous to their churches, twenty-five such points being reported as supplied regularly by twelve Ministers. Often these extra services are the most profitable and encouraging, and result in more immediate, visible fruits than the services at the regular organized churches

There is an evil that seems to have become chronic in many of the churches of Fayetteville Presbytery, it is that of Stated Supplies. Some of our churches have been supplied by the same man for ten or fifteen years. Of the sixty-six churches in the Presbytery forty-three, or two thirds, are served with *Stated Supplies*

The report was approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded by the Stated Clerk to the Synod.

CHURCHES TO BE DECLARED VACANT.

Rev. M. McG. Shields was directed to visit Union, Cameron and Cypress churches and declare them vacant.

PRESBYTERIAL SERMONS.

The following resolution was introduced:

Resolved. That Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill be appointed to preach a sermon at the next regular meeting on "The unscripturalness of the Doctrine of the Premillenial Advent of Christ," and that Rev. D. Fairley be appointed to preach, at the next regular meeting, the sermon on "Family Training" he did not preach under appointment at this meeting.

Adopted.

DECLARING CHURCHES VACANT.

Rev. A. N. Ferguson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter the custom heretofore in practice of appointing a Minister to declare a church vacant after the dissolution of the Pastoral relation be discontinued

Adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. P. R. Law, of the Home Missions Committee, submitted the following report:

The Home Missions Committee would report as follows for five and half months, ending September 15, 1892:

I—AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS.

Balances from different accounts April 1, 1892, transferred to Presbyterial Home Missions by order of Presbytery last April:

From Presbyterial Home Missions	$ 139 68
" Sustentation Fund	57 68
" White Evangelistic Fund	47 09
	$ 244 45

The Church Erection Fund amounting to $30.49, would have been thus transferred, but was sent Assembly's Treasurer.

Contributed to Presbyterial Home Missions by churches since April 1st	$ 113 27
Amount over to credit of this fund	$ 357 72
Amount brought over to credit of Presbyterial Home Missions,	357 72

AMOUNT PAID SINCE APRIL 1, 1892.

Rev. W. F. Thom	$ 228 04
Rev. K. A. McLeod	75 00
For Mt. Carmel Church building	25 00
	$ 328 04
Balance to the credit of Presbyterial Home Missions September 15, 1892	$ 29 68

AMOUNTS DUE FROM THIS FUND TO JANUARY 1, 1893.

To Rev. W F. Thom	$ 300 00
" Rev. K. A. McLeod	75 00
" Culdee Church building	20 00
	$ 395 00

Your committee recommend that the following appropriations be made from this fund for 1893:

For Rev. W. F. Thom's field	$ 300 00
" Rev. K. A. McLeod's field	150 00
" Shannon Church building	75 00
	$ 525 00

They would further urge that the churches raise their annual apportionments of $1,800 for Presbyterial Home Mission, so that we can employ an Evangelist.

II—AS TO CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

Contributed to April 1, 1892	$ 482 77
Balance to April 1, 1892	$ 3 00
Contributed by churches during last five and half months	257 39
	$ 260 39
Paid Synodical Treasurer, E. W. Smith	252 27
Balance on hand September 15, 1892	$ 8 12
The apportionment on our churches for this fund for 1892 is	$ 900 00

We recommend an effort to raise a like amount for 1893.

III—AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS.

Amount borrowed from Sustentation Fund and to be returned from Presbyterial Home Missions Fund	$ 75 00
Contributed to this fund by churches in September 1892	11 11
	$ 86 11
Sent Assembly's Treasury	11 11
Amount to be sent	$ 75 00

IV—AS TO COLORED EVANGELISTIC FUND—INCLUDING TUSCALOOSA INSTITUTE.

Balance April 1, 1892	$ 51 00
Contributed by churches in five and half months	23 42
	$ 74 42
Sent Assembly's Treasury	23 42
Balance	$ 51 00

The appropriation made McPhatter Colored Church for employing Rev. Reubin C. James for 1892 has been paid in part, $25.00. Your committee would recommend that the remainder, after paying all heretofore appropriated of this fund, be sent to the Assembly's Treasury.

V—AS TO INVALID FUND.

Balance on hand April 1, 1892	$ 1 00
Contributed by churches in five and half months	109 26
	$ 110 26

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For Rev. J. P. McPherson	$ 60 00
" Rev. James McQueen's family	50 00
" Mrs. John H. Coble's family	50 00
" Mrs. A. M Watson	25 00
	$ 185 00

VI—AS TO SUPPLIES FOR VACANT CHURCHES.

That Rockingham, Ellerbe Springs, Jackson Springs, Mt Carmel and Mark's Creek be supplied by Rev. Daniel W. Fox six months, upon terms satisfactory to him, but to be submitted to Presbytery.

Sherwood Church have the following supplies appointed: Rev. D. Fairley October first Sabbath; Rev. A. J. McKelway, November, first Sabbath; Rev Joseph Evans December, first Sabbath; Rev. D D. McBryde January, first Sabbath; H. G. Hill, D. D., February first Sabbath; Rev. J. M. Clark, March, first Sabbath and Sacrament.

Buffalo, Rev. D. D. McBryde, one Sabbath

Jonesboro, Rev. D. D. McBryde, one Sabbath

Pocket, Rev. W. M. Eldridge, one Sabbath

Salem, Rev. W. F. Thom, one Sabbath.

We recommend that Sherwood Church be allowed to employ Rev A. Currie as Stated Supply on such terms as may be mutually satisfactory.

Pending the motion to consider the recommendations of the report *seriatim*, Rev. E. W. Smith addressed the Presbytery on the subject of Synodical Home Missions. The recommendations were adopted severally and then the report as a whole was adopted.

TO EMPLOY AN EVANGELIST.

Rev. P. R. Law offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed for the purpose of raising money to put an Evangelist in the field within our bounds;

said committee to send to our churches blanks to make pledges of amounts to carry on the work, and be empowered to call an Evangelist to the work when the way shall appear to it to be clear; and that this resolution be docketed to be taken up and considered at the adjourned meeting to be held at Synod in Statesville.

Adopted.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Rev. W. M. Eldridge, Chairman of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, submitted the report thereon, which was read, approved and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The order of the day having arrived, the hearing of the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions *pro. tem.*, Rev. A. J. McKelway, the report thereon was read as follows:

Your Agent gratefully recognizes the hand of God in the work of Foreign Missions during the past year. The troubles in China, which were at one time threatening to the progress of the church, and even to the personal safety of the Missionaries, have given place to peace and quietness. The same protecting power guided the lives of our missionaries in Japan during the earthquake in that country and through the liberality of christian people at home caused that great catastrophe to redound to His glory and the furtherance of His Kingdom. The more recent disaster by flood in the same land has brought no harm to our missionaries there.

The same inscrutable Providence has seen fit to call some of our most devoted workers in this cause to His service in Heaven. While deploring their loss we bow in submission to the will of the great Head of the Church, and present the example of their consecration and faithfulness even unto death, for the emulation of our people Our work in foreign lands has been enlarged by the occupation of new territory and an increase in the number of Missionaries. The land of Korea has been chosen as a new mission field for our Southern church, and seventeen new Missionaries are on their way to the foreign field.

But while our cords are thus lengthened we deplore the fact that our stakes are not proportionately strengthened. Instead of a large increase in the contributions to this cause the Assembly's Executive Committee reports a falling off of more than $6,000 from the contributions of last year. And the additional fact is regretfully noted that the offerings of Fayetteville Presbytery have fallen off $133, notwithstanding an increase in the contributions of our churches of $130 over the amount contributed during the corresponding period in 1891. This state of affairs calls for renewed exertion on the part of our Ministers, and renewed consecration and self-denial on the part of our members, that there be no disastrous retreat in our onward march for the conquest of the world for Christ.

Recognizing the responsibility of our Ministers and Elders in this great work, believing that by the grace of God bestowed deep poverty can abound unto the riches of liberality, believing also that a definite object in view is most effective in stimulating the zeal of God's people, your Agent submits the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Ministers of this Presbytery urge upon their respective charges the duty and the privilege of supporting a representative in the foreign field.

Pending the motion to receive the report, addresses were made by Rev's A. J. McKelway, W. M. Eldridge, Dr. T. H. Law and E. W. Smith, and a collection made for the cause of Foreign Missions, which amounted to thirty-four dollars. The report was received. Pending the consideration of the adoption of the report Presbytery receded from business until 1 : 30 P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery convened at 1 : 30 P. M., and was called to order by the Moderator.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Rev. P. R. Law read the Statistical Report, which was approved and a copy ordered to be sent to the Synod.

TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Tuesday at 8 P. M., before the fifth Sabbath in April, 1893, was chosen as the time for the next regular meeting.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS ADOPTED.

The unfinished business, the consideration of the motion to adopt the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, was resumed. The report was adopted.

EDUCATION.

Rev. A. N. Ferguson, the Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the report of the committee as follows:

Your committee respectfully reports that there are at present eleven candidates under the care of Presbytery. Of these A. K. Pool, Arch. McLauchlin, J. D. Arnold, C. E. Hodgin and D. P. McGeachy are at Davidson College. J. G. Conoly is in the Theological department at Southwestern Presbyterian University A. A. McGeachy, K. A. Campbell and J. L. Wicker are at Union Seminary. D. J. Currie at Columbia, and L. L. Little at Princeton; M D. McNeill expected to enter the Seminary but has been providentially hindered. He hopes, if the way be clear, to do so in January.

Of the above candidates now in the collegiate and theological course eight have applied for the maximum amount of aid promised by the General Assembly's Committee, which is $100 per annum Your committee recommend that these applications be granted. As to contributions the Treasurer reports $2[illegible]6 received since last Spring meeting of Presbytery. The Central Committee asks that this Presbytery contribute for the current year the amount of $700 as its proportionate part of $30,000 called for by the General Assembly. Your committee recommend that this amount be raised, and to this end we ask that Presbytery authorize the committe to apportion this amount among the churches, and that it be enjoined upon all Pastors, Stated Supplies and Sessions of vacant churches to secure collections from their respective churches during the months of November and April equal to the amount that shall be designated for each church. It is further recommended that all Pastors and Stated Supplies shall be required to state at the next Spring and Fall meetings as to whether the above injunction was complied with.

Adopted.

TRIAL PRICES FOR L. L. LITTLE.

The following trial prices were recommended for Candidate L. L. Little: Sermon, St. James 2 : 26; Popular Lecture, Romans 8 : 33–39; Exercises, Hebrews 1 : 1–8; Latin Thesis, *Quid Sit Peccatum.* Adopted.

PRESBYTERIAL SABBATH–SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Rev. J. S. Black, the Agent of Sabbath-schools, reported that the programme for the Presbyterial Sabbath-school Convention had been prepared and that the Convention would be called to meet in November on a day and at a place which would be published in due time.

SABBATH–SCHOOL REPORT TO SYNOD.

The Agent of Sabbath-schools, Rev. J. S. Black, made a report on Sabbath-schools to be forwarded to Synod, which was received and approved and ordered to be forwarded.

AMENDMENT TO BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER.

The amendments to the Book of Church Order as set out in two overtures of the last General Assembly to the Presbyteries were approved. They are as follows:

I. To the Form of Government:

That Chapter V, section 3, paragraph one, of the Form of Government be so amended as to substitute the words, "if there be so many," correcting the amended paragraph so as to read as follows: "Two Ruling Elders, if there be more than this number, with the Pastor, if there be one, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum; but the Pastor and one Elder may constitute a quorum in cases where there are only two Elders."

II. To the Book of Discipline:

A. At the close of Chapter VI, section 8, that the words be added "*or co-ordinate court.*"

B. That in Chapter IX, section 10, after the words, "a commission shall be appointed," add "*or co-ordinate court.*" Again, further on, after the words "of which commission," add "*or co-ordinate court.*" Again, further down, after the words "that a commission," add "*or co-ordinate court,*" as in the former case, etc. And near the close of the section, after the words "taken by the commission," add "*or co-ordinate court.*"

NORMAL INSTITUTE.

In the absence of the Chairman, Elder Wm. Black, Rev. P. R. Law submitted the report of the committee appointed to conduct the Normal Institute for Elders and Deacons and Bible Study for 1892. It is as follows:

Your committee hereby submits its report of the first annual meeting of the Normal Institute for Elders and Deacons and Bible Study. The committee appointed by your Moderator at the Spring meeting consisted of the following persons, viz: Wm. Black, chairman, S. C. Rankin, L. P. Tyson, Rev. D. N. McLauchlin, Rev. J. M. Clark and Rev. P. R. Law. The said committee met twice at Maxton, once at Sanford and once at Red Springs, and agreed on a programme, a copy of which is hereto attached, and also agreed, after prayerful consideration, to hold the first meeting of the Institute at Red Springs.

Two thousand copies of the circular calling the first Institute were at once printed and mailed, one each to every Elder and Deacon and Minister in the Presbytery, and many to other persons.

Two thousand copies of the programme were printed and distributed, and several other circulars containing information regarding railroad rates, board, etc., and also a request for special prayer for the Institute.

The Institute was called to order by Wm. Black, chairman, at 3 o'clock P. M. Tuesday, August 2, 1892, and after devotional exercises he was elected Chairman of the Institute, and Rev. D. N. McLauchlin Clerk, and Charles Hodgin and A. R. McEachin Secretaries.

Gospel Hymns No. 6 were used, and under the direction of Rev. Arthur J. Smith, of New York, the music was most excellent and contributed in no small degree to the success of the Institute. To say that the Institute was a success is putting it in very mild language, for it exceded the expectations of its most sanguine friends. The weather was excellent throughout, and the best of feeling prevailed. Not only were the christians greatly strengthened and built up and their knowledge of the scriptures increased, but several persons made a profession of religion during the progress of its exercises.

The thanks of the committee are due to our friends from abroad, who took part in the programme; to Misses Maggie and Flora Mc-

Eachern and Misses Mary McKinnon and Mary E. McQueen, for their painstaking work in reporting the addresses; to the different newspapers who published notices of the Institute; to the railroads for reduced rates; to the young ladies who assisted in the music with piano and organ; to the North State Music Company for the use of an excellent Kranich & Bach piano; to the proprietors of the hotels and boarding houses for reduced rates of board, and for the free use of the excellent mineral waters, and to all the good people of Red Springs and vicinity for many favors, and to our blessed Lord for the blessings given through the Institute.

The programme, as printed, was carried out, with a very few exceptions, where the parties were not present, in which cases substitutions were made and the exercises continued without any interruption.

The following members of the committee attended throughout: Rev. Messrs. P. R. Law, Clark and McLauchlin, and Messrs. Black and Rankin. The exercises were wonderfully impressive and interesting throughout, nor did the interest abate at all, but increased to the very last. An enrollment of delegates was had which was as follows: Ministers: Fayetteville Presbytery, 17; Elders: Fayetteville Presbytery, 110; Deacons: Fayetteville Presbytery, 75; Deacons: other Presbyteries, 2; Elders: other Presbyteries, 14; Candidates for the Ministry, 4; Ministers other Presbyteries, 8; Ministers other denominations, 10; officers other denominations, 6; total, 246. There were many other men and a great number of women present the entire time, who attended the exercises regularly. The entire crowd was variously estimated daily at from 600 to 2,000 persons. The exercises were held under a spacious tent 90 x 100 feet, closely seated, and which was well filled nearly all the time. We respectfully recommend:

1. That the Institute be held Annually.
2. That Red Springs be selected as the permanent place, and to that end that a committee be appointed at this session with power to permanently locate it, select a suitable site, erect a proper building and make all needful arrangements for holding the next Institute.
3. That all our Ministers and officers be urged to attend.
4. That the last Sunday in July be set apart as a day on which special prayer shall be made for the Institute.

Fraternally yours,

William Black,
J. M. Clark,
D. N. McLauchlin,
S. C. Rankin,
P. R. Law,
Committee.

Note—My name is affixed to the above report with the understanding that I do not endorse the second recommendation. P. R. Law.

The report was received and the several recommendations taken up and considered *seriatim.*

1. The first recommendation was rejected.

2. The following substitute was adopted for the second recommendation:

> That the Presbytery appoint at this meeting a committee of three Ministers and three Elders, who shall appoint a time and place for the Normal Institute in 1893, arrange and publish a programme, select speakers, and make all needful arrangements therefor.

3. The third recommendation was adopted.

4. The fourth recommendation was rejected.

The report, as thus amended, was adopted.

THE COMMITTEE FOR INSTITUTE.

The committee appointed to hold the next Institute consists of Elders, William Black, S. C. Rankin and L. P. Tyson, and Ministers. A. J. McKelway, J. M. Clark and P. R. Law.

REPORT OF LICENTIATE D. M. McIVER.

Licentiate D. M. McIver made a report concerning his labors. The report was received and he was commended for his diligence.

INSTALLATION OF REV. W. M. ELDRIDGE.

It was ordered that Rev. W. M. Eldridge be installed Pastor of Culdee Church by the following committee, at a time to be selected by it: Rev. J. W. Johnston to preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. D. M. McIver to charge the Pastor and Elder Thomas J. Shaw to charge the people.

EXAMINATION OF LICENTIATE McIVER.

The examination of Licentiate D. M. McIver, in order to his ordination, was resumed. He was examined on Church Polity, on the Hebrew and Greek languages, and the examinations were approved as satisfactory. The examinations of Licentiate D. M. McIver were then approved as a whole.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF LICENTIATE McIVER.

The following resolution to ordain Licentiate D. M. McIver and install him Pastor of St. Andrews Church was offered:

Resolved, That Licentiate D. M. McIver be ordained and installed Pastor at St. Andrews Church on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in November, by a Commission consisting of Rev. P. R. Law, Rev. W. M. Eldridge and Rev. W. F. Thom, and Elders M. McKeithan and M. H. McIver.

Adopted.

For the installation of Licentiate D. M. McIver at Mt. Pisgah and White Hill churches after his ordination, the following order was made:

1. That Rev. J. M. Clark, Rev. A. J. McKelway and Elder Dugald Shaw install Licentiate D. M. McIver as Pastor of Mt Pisgah Church, at such a time as they may elect after his ordination.
2. That Rev. W. M. Eldridge, Rev. J. S. Black and Elder Dr. John Shaw install Licentiate D. M. McIver as Pastor of White Hill Church, at such a time as they may elect after his ordination.

REPORT ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report:

Elders N. McNeill, N. A. A McKeithan, P. [illegible]. McQueen, Dr. D. Sinclair, Rev. W. M. Eldridge, and Rev. W. F. Thom, were granted leave of absence after Thursday afternoon; Rev G. A. Hough and Elder Hector McMillan after Friday afternoon; Elders M. McLeod, D. M. McRae, D. C. Gillis, A. D. McLeod, M. Ray, N. M. McPherson, N. B. Cameron, D. A Clark, D. Johnston, N. McLeod, M. McKeithan, W. J. Currie, G. B. Cole, S. E. Johnston and J. A. McDonald after Friday afternoon.

Received and adopted.

SKETCH OF REV. JAMES McQUEEN'S LIFE AND LABORS.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to ask Rev. D. Fairley to bring or forward to the Presbytery at Synod, the sketch of the life and labors of the late Rev. James McQueen which he was appointed to prepare at the last regular meeting.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. P. R. Law:

Resolved, That the thanks of Presbytery be and are hereby returned to the congregation of Bethesda Church for its bountiful and delightful hospitality during this meeting; to the railway companies for their reduction in fares, and especially to the Aberdeen and West End and Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad Companies, for their kindness in furnishing daily, and without charge, transportation from Aberdeen to its daily sessions at the church.

Adopted by a rising and unanimous vote.

READING MINUTES AND ADJOURNMENT.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator during the meeting of Synod in Statesville.

Closed with singing and prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

M. McG. SHIELDS,
Moderator.

J. S. BLACK,
W. J. CURRI, } *Temporary Clerks.*

ATTEST: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT SYNOD.

No. I.

STATESVILLE, N. C., October 20, 1892.

Presbytery was called to order by Rev. W. F. Thom, the last Moderator present, and was opened with prayer.

ROLL.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
W. F. Thom,	J. T. Roberts,	Laurinburg,
Joseph Evans,	A. A. Watson,	Centre.
K. M. McIntyre,	....	....
P. R. Law,	....	....
G. A. Hough,	....	....
W. B. Arrowood,	....	....
A. J. McKelway,	....	....
H. G. Hill, D. D.	....	....

Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill was chosen Temporary Clerk.

REV. D. FAIRLEY EXCUSED.

Rev. D. Fairley rendered, by letter, satisfactory excuse for absence from this meeting.

MEMORIAL SKETCH.

A memorial sketch of the late Rev. James McQueen, which had been prepared by Rev. D. Fairley, was read and adopted. It is as follows:

TO THE MEMORY OF REV. JAMES McQUEEN.

THE MEMORY of good men is among the most precious treasuries of the church. The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance. The inspired word of God consists largely in the biographies of the saints; and the roll of those who, having fought the good fight of faith on earth, have been mustered out of service into the rest of Heaven, has steadily increased through all the christian ages.

The name of JAMES McQUEEN is now added to this illustrious catalogue. On February 16, 1892, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, he received his commission to "Come up higher"

MR. McQUEEN was the youngest son of Angus McQueen, a native of Isle of Skye, Scotland. The maiden name of his mother was Jennette McKethan, who was also of Highland origin. They were married in Fayetteville, N. C., known then as "Cross Creek."

MR. McQUEEN was wont to pride himself on his Scottish ancestry; and justly, as he inherited many of the characteristic traits of that magnanimous people.

After the usual preparatory course at Clio Academy, MR. McQUEEN entered Davidson College and graduated in due course in 1853, if I remember correctly, with one of the honors of his class.

Having, in early life, publicly dedicated himself to Christ, he felt called to the work of the Ministry, and entered the Theological Seminary in Columbia, S. C., graduating in 1856. Soon after his graduation he was licensed and ordained by the Presbytery of Fayetteville to the full work of the Gospel Ministry.

In the year 1857 he was enstalled as Pastor of Long Street, Sandy Grove and Bethesda churches. After a useful Pastorate of twelve years, embracing the memorable years of the late war, and the years of trial that immediately followed, these relations were dissolved.

MR. McQUEEN's next charges were St. Andrews, Mt Pisgah, Barbacue, White Hill and Flat Branch. All of these he served as Stated Supply, remaining, however, at Barbacue and Flat Branch a shorter time than at the others.

In the year 1861 MR. McQUEEN was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Moore, of Morganton, N. C., who, with six children, two sons and four daughters still survive.

After a somewhat close intimacy of forty years, the writer of this tribute cannot recall the slightest departure from that purity of spirit and conduct that so well befits the christian. We here record the impressions of his character which this long acquaintance and friendship has left upon our memory. BROTHER McQUEEN was in no sense a pretentious man, he was not fond of display or notoriety. Nor was he a great man in the ordinary acceptation of the term.

The elements of christian character are essentially the same; but how differently are they mixed. These three traits stood out prominently in the life of our departed friend, and made a peculiar combination of strength and beauty: His transparent truthfulness, his loving loyalty to Christ, and his ardent affection for his friends.

His truthfulness was not merely the negative virtue which hates every false way and always speaks truth in our heart and with our neighbor, but the positive love and pursuit of the truth for its own sake. He was a devoted student of the Bible, because he believed thoroughly that God's word is truth; and while he made no pretensions to scholarship he was learned in the scriptures. He studied them primarily to feed his own soul, and out of an intense loyalty to the Incarnate Word. His loyalty to Christ was a fire in his bones, and in its unstudied and unconscious manifestations was beautiful to behold. He was eminently a *pure* man—pure in heart. He loved Christ, he lived Christ, he preached Christ. He knew what Peter meant when he said, "Lord to whom can we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." And what Paul meant by being *in Christ*, "who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." This personal love for Christ was reflected upon his own character and in his social life. He was a man of positive and outspoken convictions to what he believed to be right; and he was fearless in their defense before any assembly.

As a Pastor he was affectionate, social, genial, faithful, and full of sympathy. He guarded the flock, he fed the flock; he dwelt among and was the personal friend of all his people.

His home was the abode of sweet domestic affections and genuine christian refinement and hospitality. His entire ministerial life was spent in active service, with the exception of six or eight months, when failing health forbade further effort. His departure was peaceful. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of people, who by their tearful participation in the solemn services testified to their appreciation of his work and their affection for him as a man and Minister. Those of us who remain may well read a lesson from the Providence which has removed our brother.

How insignificant are the ambitions of the clerical profession in the prospect of removal to eternal scenes. Where, and to whom we preached, and for how much salary, are questions which may have some concern for the living, but little for the dying.

Beyond the necessary temporal provision for ourselves and those dependent on us we may hold cheap the distinctions of time before the fact that "the night of death cometh wherein no man can work."

It was resolved that memorial services be conducted in memory of the Brother at the next stated meeting.

THE REVISED DIRECTORY.

Rev. K. M. McIntyre read the report of the committee appointed to make suggestive criticisms on the Revised Directory for Worship to be forwarded for use by the Special Committee appointed by the General Assembly of 1892, to report another Revised Directory to the General Assembly of 1893. It is as follows:

The special committee on the Revised Directory recommends the following suggestions:
I. That Chapter I (Revised Directory) be divided into two chapters thus:

CHAPTER I.

Introductory.

I. Statement concerning the nature of the Sabbath and how it is to be observed, emphasizing the idea that the observance of the Sabbath is the divinely appointed token of the recognition of God as the Creator of all things, and of Jesus Christ, the second person of the Godhead, as the Redeemer of God's elect. Hence the appropriateness of public worship on that day.

II. Statement concerning the nature of worship, viz: The expression of the sentiment of religion, and that God must prescribe the forms of worship in which this sentiment shall express itself outwardly.

III. Statement concerning what public worship consists of, embodying section 3 of Chapter I of Revised Directory.

CHAPTER II.

The Preaching of the Word or Sermonic Service.

I. Statement as to the idea of a sermon. Other sections concerning the order of service before and after the sermon.

II. That to Chapter II (Revised Directory) be added other sections and changes as follows:

CHAPTER III.

Public Worship on Special Occasions.

I. Days of Humiliation and thanksgiving.

II. Prayer-meetings--statement concerning the duty of holding meetings for prayer on the Sabbath or other days, making prominent the idea that all the members of a particular church are members of the prayer-meeting of that church under the direction and control of the Session, the Moderator of the Session being the official leader thereof. For the efficient operating of the *particular church prayer-meeting*, when the size of the congregation admits of it, that the congregation be divided into convenient districts for holding weekly meetings for prayer, said meetings to be conducted by a suitable person appointed by the Session.

III. Protracted meetings. Statement about the duty of holding and how to be conducted; noting especially that, in the special efforts of such occasions, our faith should stand, not in the wisdom of men, but in "the powerful demonstration of the Spirit;" and that the truth should be presented from the Calvinistic standpoint, praying and expecting the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of the hearers to the truth, as he did the heart of Lydia, in order that he that glorieth may glory in the Lord.

IV. The Sabbath-school. After the caution about its services interfering with the attendance upon the sermonic services on the one hand and parental instruction on the other, add: The Sunday-school, consisting as it does of all the members of the particular church, is under the supervision and control of the Session, the Moderator of the Session being, by virtue of his office as Moderator, also Superintendent of the Sunday-school But, for the operating of the school, the Session shall appoint a working Superintendent, who may divide the school into classes, and appoint a teacher for each class, subject to the approval of the Session.

V. The Missionary Society. Statement concerning exercises appropriate to the Missionary Society, bringing out the idea that the *particular church society* consists of all the members of a particular church, and is under the direction and control of the Session, the Moderator of the Session being, by virtue of his office as Moderator also President of the particular church society. But for the efficient operating of the society, the Session shall appoint a Vice-President, who shall divide the society into class societies, as men's, women's and children's societies, with a class President, Secretary and Treasurer, each class society officer to report to the corresponding particular church society officer That is each class society President report to the particular church society President, and so on, all of which work of the Vice-President shall be subject to the approval of the Session.

VI. Home Mission Society. Substantially same as Foreign Mission Societies.

It was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly's Committee on the Revision of the Directory.

TERMS OF CALL OF GULF CHURCH CHANGED.

Rev. W. F. Thom and Gulf Church submitted a joint request that the terms of their Pastoral relation be so changed that the terms be increased to two Sabbaths monthly, and the salary increased to three hundred dollars annually. The request was received and docketed.

INSTALLATION COMMITTEES CHANGED.

The committees to install Licentiate D. M. McIver at Mt. Pisgah and White Hill churches after his ordination were changed to Rev. A. J. McKelway, Rev. J. S. Black and Elder D. Shaw at Mt. Pisgah, and Rev. J. W. Johnston, Rev. J. M. Clark and Elder Dr. John Shaw at White Hill, the order of the specific parts of the work to be done to remain unchanged.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

No. II.

Statesville, N. C., Saturday October 22, 1892.

Presbytery was called to order by Rev. P. R. Law, the last Moderator present.

ROLL.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
A. J. McKelway,	....	....
J. M. Rose,	....	....
P. R. Law,	....	....
W. B. Arrowood,	....	....
H. G. Hill, D. D.	....	....

No quorum being present, adjournment was made to meet in Maxton at 10 A. M. Tuesday, the first day of November, 1892.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. A. J. McKelway.

No. III.

MAXTON, N. C., 10 A. M., November 1, 1892.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was called to order by Rev. P. R. Law, the last Moderator present. Rev. A. N. Ferguson led in prayer.

ROLL.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
P. R. Law,	W J. Currie,	Maxton,
J. M. Rose,	....	....
A. N. Ferguson,	....	....
Joseph Evans,	....	....
W. B. Arrowood,	....	....
H. G. Hill, D. D.	....	....

READING OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the meetings at Synod in Statesville were read and approved.

THE DOCKETED RESOLUTION TABLED.

The resolution, see pages 32 and 33, which was docketed to be considered at the adjourned meeting during Synod was taken up and laid on the table.

CONCERNING PRESBYTERIAL FUND.

The following paper concerning the collection of arrearages to the Presbyterial Fund was introduced by Rev. Jos. Evans:

Whereas it has come painfully to our knowledge that our Presbytery has failed for want of funds to pay its assessments to Synod for the last three years. thus embarrassing and compromising our venerable Synod and churches; in addition there is not in the treasury funds to pay the current expenses of our Presbytery, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That the Treasurer be instructed to write to the Sessions of the delinquent churches informing them of their delinquency and urge them to attend to the matter promptly; and further, that he be instructed to furnish the chairmen of the several visiting committees a list of the amounts due up to April 1, 1892, to the Presbyterial Fund by the churches in their several divisions.

Resolved, 2. That the Presbytery hereby enjoins our visitation committees by visitation, or otherwise when it can be thus accomplished, to secure, with the least possible delay, the payment of these arrearages.

Resolved, 3. That in view of the pressing needs of the Presbyterial Fund to meet amounts due Synod and the General Assembly, our churches not in arrears be requested to pay immediately, or by January 1, 1893, their assessments due April 1, 1893.

Adopted.

A DIRECTION TO THE TREASURER.

The following paper was offered as a direction to the Treasurer:

The Treasurer is directed to give credit, in his report to Presbytery, to each church for all moneys of which he holds the receipts, whether said moneys were contributed by individuals or through the church Treasurers.

Adopted.

CONCERNING CANDIDATE McGEACHY.

The following resolution concerning Candidate A. A. McGeachy was introduced:

Resolved, That as certain reports have recently come to the knowledge of the Presbytery, affecting the moral and religious character of Candidate A. A. McGeachy, the Stated Clerk of Presbytery be instructed to cite him to appear before Presbytery for investigating these reports at an adjourned meeting to be held in Maxton Church on Tuesday, the 29th of November, 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

INSTRUCTION TO THE STATED CLERK.

The following paper was introduced as an instruotion to the Stated Clerk:

The Stated Clerk is directed, in making out his statistical report to the General Assembly, to divide all the contributions to Home Missions, giving thirty per cent. to the causes of Sustentation, sixty per cent. to the cause of Evangelistic Fund, and ten per cent. to Church Erection, so that our churches may get full credit in the minutes of the General Assembly for their contributions to Home Missions.

Adopted.

TERMS OF PASTORAL RELATION CHANGED.

The joint request of Rev. W. F. Thom and Gulf Church for a change in the terms of the Pastoral relations subsisting between them was taken from the docket and granted to take effect January 1, 1893.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Missions Committee made a report on supplies as follows:

The Home Missions Committee would recommend the following Supplies for churches now vacant, unless they secure regular Ministerial services for themselves before the next Spring meeting:

Cameron, Rev. P. R. Law one Sabbath and Sacrament; Union, Rev. W. M. Eldridge one Sabbath and Sacrament; Cypress, Rev. M. N. NcIver one Sabbath and Sacrament; Bluff, Rev. Joseph Evans one Sabbath and Sacrament; McMillan's Chapel, Rev. D. D. McBryde one Sabbath and Sacrament; Dunn, Rev. A. J. McKelway one Sabbath and Sacrament; Haywood, Rev. W. F. Thom the fifth Sabbath in January and four week-dav appointments.

Adopted.

TIME OF MEETING CHANGED.

The time of the next regular meeting was changed from April 25th to April 18th, at 7 : 30 P. M., 1893.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Maxton at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, November 29, 1892.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Joseph Evans.

P. R. LAW,
Moderator.

H. G. HILL, D. D.,
Temporary Clerk.

ATTEST: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

TABULATED REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY,

From April 1, 1892, to September 20, 1892.

CHURCHES.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.							HOME MISSIONS.		EVANGELISTIC FUND.									
	Churches.	Ladies' Societies.	Men's Societies.	Children's Societies.	Sunday Schools.	Children's Day.	Total.	Assembly.	Presbyterial.	Assembly's Colportage.	Colored.	Home Missions.	Invalid Fund.	Presbyterial Colportage.	Education.	Synodical Orphanage.	American Bible Society.	Presbyterial.	Total.
Antioch	$ 14 72	$ 10 46	$ 5 32	$	$	$ 10 89	$ 41 39	$	$	$	$	$ 4 62	$ 2 86	$	$ 5 68	$	$	$ 12 00	$
Ashpole		35 00		5 00			40 00								5 00				
Barbecue	5 00						5 00		4 89	1 63			1 63		1 63			5 00	
Bethesda		34 00					34 00	6 25	15 00			18 50	6 50		17 50			12 00	
Bethel	7 14	17 00					24 14		2 49			6 46			3 43				
Bensalem		20 85					20 85		3 96									5 60	
Bluff	11 00	17 85			10 16	6 14	45 15		16 00			10 00	6 00		8 00			15 00	
Buffalo		12 00					12 00		2 95		2 95	4 50		3 46	4 65			12 50	
Bethlehem	83						83		85			53	51						
Big Rockfish		7 00			1 00		8 00								8 00				
Cameron	8 87	8 15					17 02		3 62						2 56				
Centre	9 05	30 35			10 27	12 78	62 45		24 83	5 92		19 08		2 47	5 08			20 00	
Church of Covenant		13 08					13 03												
Cypress	8 65						8 65		11 53						1 20				
Culdee	1 36	3 05					4 41		3 70	1 21					1 00			3 00	
Dunn	1 67	1 85					3 52			3 00					3 50				
Ellerbe Springs		3 20					3 20												
Euphronia		14 86					14 86												
Fayetteville	11 10	29 12		10 00			40 22		8 00		1 63	57 99			18 53			30 00	
Galatia	12 08						12 08		16 76		3 60				1 65				
Haywood	6 00						6 00		5 00			1 00							
Iona						5 00	5 00								1 00			6 00	
Jackson Springs	7 12	10 95		6 15			24 22	2 15	4 20		1 18	4 00	2 20						
Keyser	1 45	3 55					5 00	1 75				2 50			4 81	3 65		5 00	
Laurinburg	36 72	86 45	99 25	15 86	20 16		258 44		47 76	21 27		13 04	46 12		49 46			25 00	
Laurel Hill	16 46	35 10	32 27	17 17		13 40	114 40		20 75		10 00	11 65	12 40		15 32			20 00	
Lumber Bridge	28 57	26 30				64 17	119 04						8 40		15 00			20 00	
Lumberton	20 00	13 65		7 55			41 20		15 90			18 14	8 18		9 00				
Marks Creek	1 61	9 95					11 56					2 67						3 75	
Macedonia	3 00						3 00							1 00	1 00			5 00	
Maxton	17 15		25 00				42 15		11 91			30 34			8 49			20 00	
Midway	3 40	7 45				9 48	20 33		2 25			3 40	2 37		2 65			7 00	
McPherson	2 60	10 50				4 14	17 24		4 00			1 66			2 06			5 00	
McMillan		3 03					3 03		3 02										
Montpelier	1 86	10 50				4 33	16 69	3 05	10 22			9 90	1 53					6 00	
Mt. Tabor		8 50					8 50											5 00	
Mt. Pisgah		4 00					4 00		4 00									7 92	
Pee Dee	9 55	8 88					18 43					4 68	3 08	6 67	9 74				
Pittsboro	19 87	4 60					24 47		12 00	1 50		3 00						3 00	
Pocket	2 97	9 00			5 50		17 47	1 63	4 80						1 52			7 50	
Philadelphus	2 33			3 54			5 87					1 92			4 69				
Philippi	3 14						3 14	96		1 37		1 72							
Red Springs	7 01		3 50			3 90	14 41		1 94		2 06	1 28		1 51				7 00	
Rockingham	6 92					5 00	11 92	4 28	2 91	1 12		5 97	1 91		3 78				
Sandy Grove	6 78				6 22		13 00	8 48				5 16			2 51			10 00	
Sardis	11 86	10 00					21 86					8 50	7 20		6 22				
Sherwood	35						35											3 00	
Shiloh				2 50			2 50											3 75	
St. Pauls	28 53	7 00				5 00	40 53								13 95		6 50		
St. Andrews	6 65						6 65		2 12			10 81		1 10	3 31			5 90	
Smyrna	11 88	12 00				4 60	28 48		5 72			9 70	4 41		3 68			10 00	
Smyrna, Hasty S. S						4 61	4 61												
Flat Branch									1 00	2 00	2 00	3 00						3 00	
Lebanon															1 00	9 00			
Laurel Hill, Aberdeen S. S									4 87										
Carthage S. S																27 25			
Presbyterial Collection																5 60			
Carthage																			
Total from Churches	$ 357 25	$ 548 58	$ 165 34	$ 67 77	53 31	$ 153 44	$ 1,334 29	$ 28 55	$ 278 95	$ 39 02	$ 23 42	$ 270 12	$ 110 30	$ 16 21	$ 246 60	$ 45 50	$ 6 50	$ 303 92	
Balance April 1st, 1892							11 40		139 68		50 00	3 00	1 00	109 43	3 00			115 36	
From Sustentation									57 68										
From Evangelistic									47 09										
Aggregate	$ 357 25	$ 548 58	$ 165 34	$ 67 77	53 31	$ 153 44	$ 1,345 69	$ 28 55	$ 523 40	$ 39 02	73 42	$ 273 12	$ 111 30	$ 125 64	$ 249 60	$ 45 50	$ 6 50	$ 419 28	$ 3,241 02
Disbursements							1,345 69	28 55	328 04	39 02	48 42	273 12	111 30	137 00	249 60			400 93	3,013 67
Balance									$ 195 36		$ 25 00							$ 18 35	$ 227 35

The Scheme of Collections is as Follows:

PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS—January and August.
SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS—February and June.
COLPORTAGE—March.
EDUCATION—April and November.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—May and October.
INVALID FUND—July.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS—September.
COLORED EVANGELIZATION—December.

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MINUTES
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FAYETTEVILLE
ONE HUNDRED AND
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APRIL 1893,
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MINUTES

OF

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

ADJOURNED MEETING

AT MAXTON, N. C., NOV. 29, 1892.

PRO RE NATA MEETING

AT MAXTON, N. C., JAN. 17, 1893.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH SESSION

AT LAURINBURG, N. C., APRIL 18–22, 1893.

WITH AN APPENDIX.

ROBESONIAN JOB PRINT,
LUMBERTON, N. C.,
1893.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Maxton, N. C., November 29, 1892.

The Presbytery was called to order according to adjournment by Rev. P. R. Law, the last Moderator present. Rev. D. Fairley led in prayer.

ROLL.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
P R. Law,	W. J. Currie,	Maxton,
W. B. Arrowood,	Archibald Johnson,	Centre.
D. Fairley,	J. A. McAllister,	Lumberton,
Joseph Evans,	D. McNeill,	Laurel Hill,
D. M. McIver,	Peter McRae,	Laurinburg,
A. N. Ferguson,	A. McKenzie,	Lebanon,
H. G. Hill, D. D.,	M. McLeod,	Shiloh.
D. W. Fox.		

J. A. McAllister, Treasurer of Presbytery, read a report on delinquencies to the Presbyterial Fund which was received as information.

DIRECTION TO TREASURER.

The following direction was given to the Treasurer:

The Treasurer is directed to give credit to Galatia Church on its Presbyterial Fund for the amount for which it holds a receipt, and for which it failed to receive credit at the time on the Treasurer's book.

WADEVILLE CHURCH ORGANIZED.

The commission appointed to organize a church at Wadeville, if the way should be found clear, submitted the following report:

The commission met at Wadeville according to appointment on the 15th day of November, 1892. All the members were present.

After a sermon by Rev. K. M. McIntyre from the text: "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" the church was duly organized with twenty-eight members entering into the organization. Twenty-five of these were by letter from Sharon Church, two were by letter from the Methodist Episcopal church, and one on examination.

Among those entering into the organization from Sharon Church were three Ruling Elders: Roderic McKinnon, D. D. McKinnon and J. M. Leach; and two Deacons: W. S. McKinnon and D. F. Robinson. On motion these were elected to their respective offices in the new church, after which they were duly installed. Wadeville was chosen as the name of the new church.

The report was received and adopted and the church ordered to be enrolled and assessed five dollars for the Presbyterial Fund.

ABOUT CANDIDATE A. A. McGEACHY.

The chairman of the Committee of Education, Rev. A. N. Ferguson, read certain letters giving information respecting Candidate A. A. McGeachy's character and conduct at Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary.

Candidate A. A. McGeachy was then heard in his own behalf.

Presbytery receded from business until 2 : 30 P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery convened at 2 : 30 P. M.

The unfinished business was continued and the consideration of it conducted with closed doors.

After discussion a committee of three was appointed to draft a paper on the subject.

The committee reported the following:

The committee appointed to present a paper respecting Candidate A. A. McGeachy, would report as follows:

That, whereas, the Presbytery has heard statements concerning inconsistent christian conduct on the part of this Candidate, during his college course, and whereas he has himself admitted certain acts incompatible with Sabbath sanctity, and participation in disorderly conduct with some irreligious students, therefore, *Resolved 1.* That Presbytery would condemn most pointedly, the wrong doing admitted, and would express its approval of the repentance avowed by him and the evidence given since he entered the Seminary, and especially during the present session, of spiritual improvement.

Resolved, 2. That Presbytery would solemnly warn him to so guard his conduct in future as not to bring reproach upon the name and cause of Christ.

Adopted.

Candidate A. A. McGeachy was summoned before Presbytery and its action read to him.

MINUTES READ.

The minutes were read and approved.

ADJOURNMENT.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Laurinburg April 18th at 7:30 P. M., 1893.

Closed with prayer by Rev. W. B. Arrowood.

P. R. LAW,
Moderator.

H. G. HILL, D. D.,
Temporary Clerk.

ATTEST: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

PRO RE NATA MEETING.

Maxton, N. C., January 17, 1893.

Presbytery convened at 11 A. M., pursuant to a call therefor by the Stated Clerk, to receive William Black under the care of Presbytery as a Candidate for the Holy Ministry, and to license him as a probationer to preach the gospel, if the way be clear.

The Presbytery was opened with prayer.

ROLL.

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
P. R. Law,	Daniel Watson,	Centre.
Joseph Evans,	Dr. D. McBryde,	Maxton,
H. G. Hill, D. D.,	N. McCallum,	Ashpole.
....	Alex McKenzie,	Lebanon.

RECEIVED AS A CANDIDATE.

William Black was recommended by his church and examined upon experimental religion and his motives in seeking the Holy Ministry. The examinations were sustained and he was received as a Candidate for the Ministry.

EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE.

William Black was examined with a view to licensure as follows: On Mental Philosophy, Ethics, Logic, Rhetoric, Natural and Exact Sciences, and the examinations adjudged satisfactory.

Presbytery receded from business until 2 : 30 P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery convened at 2 : 30 P. M. and resumed the examination of William Black. He was examined on the Latin language, on Theology, Natural and Revealed, and on Ecclesiastical History, and the examinations adjudged satisfactory.

Romans XII : 1–8 was assigned as a subject for a Popular Lecture and Luke XII : 48 as a text for a Sermon. The Lecture and Sermon were heard and adjudged satisfactory as parts of trial.

LICENSURE.

Presbytery proceeded with the licensure of William Black to preach the gospel as an extraordinary case, according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order, omitting the parts of trial not here recorded, because he has acquitted himself well in one of the learned professions for twelve years, and the Presbytery has had satisfactory evidence of his soundness and ability as an elder of the church and as a religious teacher for several years.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned. Closed with prayer.

P. R. LAW,
Moderator.

H. G. HILL, D. D.,
Temporary Clerk.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING.

Laurinburg, N. C., April 18, 1893.

Presbytery convened at 7 : 30 P. M., April 18, 1893, according to adjournment, in Laurinburg Church, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. P. R. Law from Romans III : 20, " Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight.

The Presbytery was then constituted with prayer by Rev. P. R. Law.

ROLL.

The following members were present during the sessions of the Presbytery. *

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
D. D. McBryde,[2]	H. H. Hodgin,	Antioch.
Joseph Evans,	N. McFadyen,	Bethel,
H. G. Hill, D. D.,	D. M. McLeod,	Carthage,
David Fairley,[2]	M. A. McDonald,	Culdee,
W. M. Eldridge,	M. A. McDougald,	Laurinburg,
A. N. Ferguson,[2]	Dr. D. McBryde,	Maxton,
J. S. Black,	J. A. McRae,	Midway,
P. R. Law,	W. C. McPhail,	Shannon,
J. M. Clark,[3]	D. C. Shaw,	St. Andrews,
K. A. McLeod,	D. A. McGugan,	St. Pauls,
A. J. McKelway,	L McDonald,	Big Rockfish,
D. M. McIver,	C. S McArthur,	Smyrna,
D. W. Fox,[2]	John Blue,[2]	Bethesda,
J. W. Johnston,[2]	J. D. Malloy,	Lumber Br'ge,
W. F. Thom,[2]	James Dalrymple,[2]	Jonesboro,
A. McMillan,[2]	C McArtan,[2]	Summerville,
A. McQueen,[2]	J. A. McLean,[2]	Ellerbe Springs
J. M Rose,[3]	J. C. Monroe,[2]	Bensalem,
M. N. McIver,	D. A. Blue,[2]	Galatia,
A. Currie,	D. C. Cameron,[2]	Barbacue,

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
W. B. Arrowood,	J. M. McIver, 2	Gulf,
....	J. C. Ferguson, 2	Union,
....	S. B. Klarpp, 2	Philippi,
....	D. L. Watson, 2	Centre,
....	Alexander McKenzie, 2	Lebanon,
....	J. A. McAllister, 2	Lumberton,
....	W. C. Alford, 2	Ashpole,
....	Hector McLean, 2	Laurel Hill,
....	J. D. Johnston, 2	Sherwood,
....	Walter Smith, 3	Bluff,
....	N. D. M. Clark, 3	Longstreet,
....	Frank McNeill, Esq., 3	Rockingham,
....	Maj. J. R. McLean, 3	Red Springs,
....	D. D. Alderman, 3	Montpelier,
....	M. McLeod, 4	Shiloh.

* Where figures occur after names they show the days of arrival and enrollment after rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The following Ministers were absent and churches not represented:

MINISTERS ABSENT.

Rev. J. P. McPherson, Rev. K. M. McIntyre, Rev. G. A. Hough.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Bethlehem,
Church of Covenant
Fayetteville,
Buffalo,
Cypress,
Flat Branch,
Cameron,
Dunn,
Haywood,
China Grove,
Euphronia,
Iona,
Jackson Springs,
Keyser,
Mark's Creek,
Macedonia,
McMillan's Chapel,
McPherson,
Mt. Carmel,
Mt. Pisgah,
Mt. Tabor,
Mt. Vernon Springs,
Pee Dee,
Pittsboro,
Pocket,
Salem,
Sandy Grove,
Sardis,
Sharon,
Wadeville,
White Hill.

ORGANIZATION.

Rev. W. M. Eldridge, was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. S. Black and Ruling Elder W. C. McPhail, Temporary Clerks.

Elder M. A. McDougald was granted leave of absence from to-morrow's forenoon session.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow at 9 A. M. Closed with prayer led by Rev. T. R. Sampson.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, April 19, 1893.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with devotional exercises, singing, reading the Word and prayer led by the Moderator.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. T. R. Sampson of West Hanover Presbytery, and Rev. H. Craig of Quebec Presbytery, were invited to sit in the body as corresponding members, and were formally introduced by the Moderator.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Rev. R. J. Moorman and Rev. A. D. Betts of the M. E. Church South, and Rev. M. L. Keslar, of the Baptist Church, were invited to sit in the Presbytery as visiting brethren, and were introduced by the Moderator.

REPORT ON VACANCIES AND ABSENTEES.

The Stated Clerk reported the death of Rev. N. McKay, D. D., since the last meeting And that the death of Rev. Dr. McKay left a vacancy in the Examining Committee on Theology. He also reported that Rev. Messrs. A. McQueen, A. Currie, and D. D. McBryde were absent from the last meeting without excuse.

Adopted.

EXCUSED FOR ABSENCE.

Rev. Messrs. A. Currie and D. Fairley gave satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting.

COMMITTEES.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

Devotional Exercises—Rev. W. B. Arrowood, Rev. A. N Ferguson and Elder M. A. McDougald.

Narrative—Rev. A. J. McKelway and Elder L. McDonald.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. D. Fairley and Elders H. H. Hodgin and J. Dalrymple.

Calls and Supplies—Rev. J. Evans and Elder D. C. Shaw.

Minutes of Synod—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and Elder D. A. McGougan.

Bills and Overtures—Rev. D. D. McBryde and Elder Dr. D. McBryde.

Leave of Absence—Rev. K. A. McLeod and Elder D. M. McLeod.

Sabbath Schools—Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. W. F. Thom and Elder D. A. Blue.

Sessionol Records—Rev. D. M. McIver and Elders N. McFadyen first section; Rev. M. N. McIver and Elder M. A. McDonald, second section; Rev. A. Currie and J. A. McRae, third section; Rev. J. W. Johnston and John Blue, forth section.

COMMUNICATIONS READ AND REFERRED.

A call from McMillan's Chapel for the ministerial services of Rev. Joseph Evans was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of Synod was read and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. D. D. McBryde and W. B. Arrowood and Elders J. D. Malloy and J. A. McAllister.

A communication from the Secretaries of Foreign Missions for the Assembly was read and referred to the Agent of Foreign Missions.

A letter from the Secretary of the Assembly's Executive Committee on Education was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from Rev. A. L. Phillips, the Secretary of the Assembly's Executive Committee for the Evangelization of the Colored Race, was read and referred to the Executive Committee of the Presbytery in charge of that work.

Rev. A. J. McKelway was made chairman pro tem of this committee in the absence of Rev. G. A. Hough, the regular chairman.

A letter from Rev. James Stacy, D. D., chairman of the Assembly's Standing Committee on the Sabbath, was read and referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. W. Johnston and Elders H. H. Hodgin and J. M. McIver.

CANDIDATE CONOLY TRANSFERRED.

Candidate J. G. Conoly was, at his own request, dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Nashville.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Rev. W. B. Arrowood submitted the following partial report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises:

That to-night Dr. H. G. Hill preach the Presbyterial Sermon on "The Unscripturalness of the Doctrine of the Premillennial Advent of Christ."

That at 11:30 to-morrow Rev. David Fairley preach the Presbyterial Sermon on "Family Training."

That on Thursday night the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions be heard, with an address by the Synodical Secretary of Foreign Missions, Rev. T. R. Sampson, and others.

Adopted.

REPORT OF SUPPLIES.

Rev. Messrs. D. W. Fox, W. M. Eldridge, P. R. Law, M. N. McIver, Joseph Evans, A. J. McKelway, W. F. Thom and Rev. Dr. Hill, reported that they had supplied churches with preaching as ordered by Presbytery.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery having been printed, they were approved without reading.

ABOUT THE STATISTICAL REPORT.

The Stated Clerk was granted permission to make out the Statistical Report to the General Assembly after the adjournment of the Presbytery.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Hearing the report on Home Missions was made the first order of the day Thursday afternoon. Hearing the report of the Committee on Colored Evangelization was made the first order of the day Friday forenoon. Hearing the report of the Agent of Sabbath-schools was made the second order of the day Friday forenoon. Hearing the report of the Committee on Church and Christian Education was made the first order of the day Friday afternoon. Hearing the report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was made the second order of the day Friday afternoon.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

A special committee was appointed consisting of Rev. Dr. Hill and Elders J. M. McIver and James Dalrymple to nominate a Minister and suggest a subject for the Presbyterial Sermon at the next meeting.

CHURCHES THAT FAILED TO MAKE COLLECTIONS.

The churches, according to order made at the last meeting of Presbytery, which had failed to make any of the collections ordered by the higher courts were giving their excuses therefor when the roll call was arrested and the narratives on the State of Religion in the Churches and the statistical reports were required to be read in full and then referred to a committee consisting of Rev. D. W. Fox, Rev. D. M. McIver and D. A. Blue, to report in full the names of the churches that failed to make any one of the collections ordered by the higher courts, and the names of the collections unmade. During the reading of these reports Presbytery receded from business for divine service and until 2 : 30 P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator at 2 : 30 o'clock P. M.

COMMISSIONERS TO THE ASSEMBLY.

Rev. W. F. Thom and Ruling Elder John Blue were elected commissioners to the Assembly with Rev. A. McMillan alternate to Rev. W. F. Thom and Elder Dr. J. W. McNeill alternate to Elder John Blue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The unfinished business, reading the reports from the churches was resumed and concluded, and the reports placed in the hands of the committee.

REPORT OF COMMISSION.

The commission to ordain Licentiate D. M. McIver and install him Pastor of St. Andrews Church reported as follows:

In obedience to the order of Presbytery the Commission appointed to ordain and install Licentiate D. M. McIver Pastor of St. Andrews Church at St. Andrews on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in November, 1892, met at the place and at the time appointed and did the work in accordance with the requirements of the Book of Church Order.

Adopted.

INSTALLATIONS.

The committee appointed to install Rev. D. M. McIver Pastor at Mt. Pisgah and White Hill churches reported that the work had been done as ordered and were discharged. The committee appointed to install Rev. W. M. Eldridge Pastor of Culdee Church reported that the work had been done as ordered and were discharged.

ORDER TO TREASURER.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the travelling expenses of the Commissioners to the General Assembly.

MINUTES AND DOCKETS.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to have three hundred copies of the minutes of this meeting and seventy-five dockets for the next meeting printed.

LICENTIATE BLACK'S REPORT AND DISMISSAL.

Licentiate William Black reported that he was and had been engaged since his licensure in evangelistic work under the auspices of Mecklenburg Presbytery. The report was received and approved. At his own request he was dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

INSTITUTE COMMITTEE.

A committee consisting of Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and Elders J. D. Malloy and J. M. McIver were appointed to make nominations to fill vacancies in the committee to conduct the Institute for Elders and Deacons and Bible Study.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Maxton was chosen as the place for the next meeting.

COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE A CHURCH.

In response to a petition, a commission consisting of Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. A. N. Ferguson, Rev. W. B. Arrowood, and Elders J. A. McAllister and J. C. McCaskill were appointed to organize a church at the Ida Factory, near Laurel Hill depot, in Richmond County, if the way should be found clear.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of the Treasurer was received and adopted and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS FOR COMMITTEE.

The committee, to which was referred a communication from the Stated Clerk of Synod, was directed to ascertain, as far as possible the entire indebtedness of the Presbytery and devise and report a method for its payment.

SITTINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

It was ordered that the daily forenoon sittings of Presbytery be from 9 to 11 : 30 o'clock, afternoon sittings from 2 : 30 to 5 o'clock, and evening sittings from 8 o'clock to adjournment at will.

Presbytery receded from business until 8 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator at 8 o'clock P. M.

PRESBYTERIAL SERMON.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., preached the Presbyterial Sermon on "The Second Advent of Christ."

ADJOURNMENT.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAR, April 20, 1893.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with devotional exercises consisting of singing, reading the Word, and prayer, led by Rev. J. M. Rose.

MINUTES READ.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS READ AND REFERRED.

A communication from Dunn Church was read and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies. A communication from Jackson Springs Church was read and referred to the Home Missions Committee.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

It was resolved that when Presbytery adjourns it will do so to meet at Maxton at 10 A. M. Thursday the 27th day of July, prox, solely to examine and license Candidate D. J. Currie, if the way should be found clear.

A COMMUNICATION FROM COL. WILLIAM ALDERMAN.

A communication from Col. William Alderman was read and referred for report to a committee consisting of Ruling Elders J. M. McIver, J. A. McAllister and Dr. D. McBryde.

PREACHER AND SUBJECT FOR PRESBYTERIAL SERMON.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to select a preacher and subject for a Presbyterial Sermon at the next fall meeting would recommend that Rev. J. W. Johnston be appointed to preach a sermon on the "Importance of Church Discipline."

Adopted.

THIRD SECTION OF SESSIONAL RECORDS.

Rev. A. Currie submitted the following report on the third section of the Sessional Records:

We report that we have examined and approved the following Sessional Records: Pittsboro, Mt. Tabor, Mark's Creek, Montpelier, Mt. Vernon Springs, Midway, Maxton, Philadelphus and Lumberton.

Received and adopted.

RECOMMITTED.

Rev. D. W. Fox submitted the report of the committee to which had been referred the statistical reports of the churches. The report was recommitted.

REFEREED.

The report of the Agent of Publication and Colportage and *North Carolina Presbyterian*, Rev. W. B. Arrowood, was made and discussed and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. W. B. Arrowood, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. A. J. McKelway and Elder Frank McNeill.

MEMORIAL MINUTES.

The following committee was appointed to prepare a sketch of the life and character of Rev. N. McKay, D. D., to be read as a part of the memorial services which are appointed the order of the day Friday evening: Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. D. D. McBryde and James Dalrymple.

PRESBYTERIAL SERMON.

Presbytery receded from business to hear the Presbyterial Sermon on "Family Training" by Rev. D. Fairley, and for recess until 2:30 P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., submitted the report of the Home Missions Committee as follows:

The Home Missions Committee would report as follows for the year ending April 1, 1893:

I.—AS TO MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The Presbytery has on its roll twenty-four ordained Ministers. Of these two are infirm, two are without pastoral charge, and two are laboring outside of our bounds. The eighteen Ministers now laboring within our bounds have promised them about $14,960, and receive an average salary of about $831.

II—AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS.

Balance to credit of Home Missions April 1, 1892	$ 139 68
Balance transferred from Sustentation account April 1, 1892,	57 68
Balance transferred from White Evan. Fund, April 1, 1892	47 09
Amount to credit of this fund April 1, 1892	$ 244 45
Contributed to this fund during year by forty-six churches and one Sabbath-school	562 45
Whole amount credited to this fund	$ 806 90

AMOUNTS PAID DURING THE YEAR FROM PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS FUND.

To Rev. W. F. Thom in full to January I, 1892	$ 228 04
To " " " " on appropriation for 1892	150 00
To " K. A. McLeod on appropriation for 1892 in full	150 00
To Mt. Carmel Church building	25 00
Whole amount paid	$ 553 04
Balance to credit of Presbyterial Home Missions April 1, '93,	253 86

AMOUNTS DUE FROM PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS TO JANUARY 1, 1893.

To balance to Rev. W. F. Thom on 1892	$ 150 00
To Culdee Church building	20 00
To Shannon Church building	75 00
	$ 245 00

Your committee would recommend the following appropriations from this fund for 1893:

For Rev. W. F. Thom's field (if needful)	$ 150 00
For Rev. K. A. McLeod's field	150 00

They would also urge again that the churches raise their annual apportionment of $1,800 for Presbyterial Home Missions, that we may sustain our local Evangelist, aid church erection and employ a general Evangelist on a salary of $1,200.

III—AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

To credit of this fund September 20, 1892	$ 3 00
Contributed to this fund during the year by 42 churches	932 07
Amount sent Synodical Treasurer	$ 935 07

Our Presbyterial Apportionment for Synodical Home Missions found in fall minutes for 1891 has been raised.

IV—AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS.

Amount contributed by thirty-four churches during the year to April 1, 1893	$ 243 01
Amount forwarded the Assembly's Committee	243 01
The amount borrowed from the Assembly's Sustentation and to be returned from Presbyterial Home Missions Fund,	75 00
The Church Extension Fund ordered to be transferred last Spring to Presbyterial Home Missions, but sent to the Assembly's Home Missions, should be deducted	30 49
Amount to be returned from Presbyterial Home Missions to Assembly's Home Missions	$ 44 51

Your committee recommend that our churches be urged to raise their apportionments found in fall minutes for 1891, so that our churches may contribute at least $500 to the Assembly's Home Missions.

V.—AS TO COLORED EVANGELISTIC FUND INCLUDING TUSCALOOSA INSTITUTE.

To credit of this fund April 1, 1892	$ 51 00
Contributed during year by twenty-nine churches	151 00
	$ 202 33
Appropriation made Rev. Reubin C. James, col., for 1892, supplying McPhatter (colored) Church	50 00
Amount sent Assembly's Committee	$ 152 00

VI.—AS TO INVALID FUND.

Balance to the credit of this fund April 1, 1892	$ 1 00
Contributed to this fund during the year by 36 churches	202 72
Amount sent Assembly's Committee	203 72

APPROPRIATIONS ASKED FOR 1892.

For Rev. J. P. McPherson	$ 60 00
For Mrs. James McQueen	50 00
For Mrs. John H. Coble	50 00
For Mrs. A. M. Watson	25 00
Whole amount	$ 185 00

Of these sums the first installments were fully paid, but only 75 per cent. of the second installments have been paid as yet, on account of scarcity of funds.

VII.—AS TO SUPPLIES FOR VACANT CHURCHES AND FIELDS.

That Candidate D. J. Currie be directed to hold religious services at Bluff Church two Sabbaths in the month, at McMillan's Chapel one Sabbath evening per month, at Dunn one Sabbath per month, and at Sherwood Church one Sabbath per month, on a compensation of at least $10 per week, for each week of service given.

That Rev. Daniel W. Fox serve, until next fall meeting, Rockingham Church on a salary of $350 per annum, Jackson Springs Church on a salary of $300 per annum, and Mark's Creek Church on a salary of $50 per annum, and that there be appropriated in aid of his field $100 per annum from Presbyterial Home Missions' Fund.

That Rev. M. N. McIver be sent, till fall meeting of Presbytery, on a salary per annum of $150 from Ellerbe Springs, of $100 from Mt. Carmel, $125 from Salem, and $100 from Haywood, one Sabbath per month to each church.

That Rev. D. D. McBryde be sent early in May to the Union group of churches to aid them in getting a pastor.

That the chairman of Home Missions Committee aid the Red Springs group in getting a temporary Supply, if this group becomes vacant, and that the following Supplies be sent them: Antioch, Rev. D. D. McBryde one Sabbath; Red Springs, Rev. P. R. Law one Sabbath, and Philadelphus Rev. P. R. Law one Sabbath.

That Rev A. J. McKelway be sent to Sardis one Sabbath. That Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., be sent to Lumberton one Sabbath. That the Buffalo group, should their present efforts to get a pastor fail, be aided by the Home Missions Committee in getting temporary Supplies. That $25 be appropriated to Bethlehem Church building. That $150 be appropriated to building a church at Egypt.

Adopted.

SESSIONAL RECORDS—FIRST SECTION.

Rev. D. M. McIver submitted the following report from the Committee on the first section of the Sessional Records:

Big Rockfish Records approved, except it is not stated that the reports were read before the congregation; Bensalem's approved, except there is no record that the delegate to Presbytery reported; Buffalo's approved, but does not state that the reports were read before the congregation; Ashpole's approved. except there is no entry of reciprocal duties; Bethel's approved, except there is no record that the reports were read before the congregation, and there is no entry of reciprocal duties; Culdee's approved, except there were only three meetings during the year, there is no record of reciprocal duties and also the reports were not read before the congregation; Bethesda's approved, except there is no recorded report of the delegate unless it is that on page 195, which is nearly one year late; Cypress' approved, except that reports are not recorded in the minutes, and no entry of reciprocal duties; Antioch's approved, except they have not been before Presbytery since 1891, and also the delegate did not make his report to the Session; Carthage's approved, except that we see no report from the delegate to the last meeting of Presbytery; Barbecue's approved, except there is no record of reciprocal duties [also a record of a trial on page 32 and 33, where it states charges were preferred and all parties being present they entered on trial. and then on motion the trial was put off. The Book of Church Order requires ten days notice, unless all parties are willing]; Bluff's approved, except there is no record of delegate's attendance on previous meeting of Presbytery, also it does not state that the reports were read before the congregation A criticism on all the records is that they do not make any record that they paid their delegate's expenses, as directed by rule second of the Rules of Fayetteville Presbytery in the Manual.

Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

It was ordered that a copy of the Treasurer's report be furnished each of the Treasurers of the Ladies Missionary Societies of the Presbytery.

COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE SECRETARY SAMPSON'S WORK.

The Moderator, by order of Presbytery, appointed Rev. D. D. McBryde, Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. W. M. Eldridge and Rev. K. A. McLeod, together with the Agent, Rev. Joseph Evans as chairman, to arrange the times and places for Rev. T. R. Sampson's work in our bounds as Synodical Secretary of Foreign Missions.

SPECIAL ORDER—ORPHAN'S HOME.

Eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow was fixed upon to hear an address from Rev. R. W. Boyd, Superintendent of the Orphan's Home of the Synod, in behalf of that institution.

Presbytery receded from business until 8 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator at 8 o'clock P. M.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The order of the day, hearing the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. Joseph Evans, was entered upon, and the report was read and is as follows:

In making his annual report, in connection with the great cause of Foreign Missions, your Agent begs leave to call your attention to several important considerations pressed upon us by our esteemed Secretaries, Brothers Houston and Rankin The tokens of God's favor to this branch of His service are, in many respects, very rich. There are now before our Executive Committee twenty-seven new missionaries, ready to go to the foreign field this year. Among these are three Pastors, four medical men, of fine attainments, and others who have approved themselves as active, efficient workers for Christ. Such a number of candidates for the mission field at one time is unprecedented in the history of our church. When we consider, too, the fields which our missionaries occupy and the great opportunities which are before them, we feel that our church is being really honored by God. Brethren, shall these servants of Christ that are ready to give their time and energy, and life if needful, to rescue the heathen from sin and misery, shall they be kept waiting from the want of funds that we can supply? Shall these opportunities, never before surpassed, of doing widely extended and lasting good for our perishing fellow men, and of achieving glorious victories for our Divine Redeemer; shall these pass away without being improved? Pass away also never to return? Yet of this there is very grave danger, as we further learn from these brethren. We regret to say, they add, as we draw near the close of this fiscal year, there has been in February and March a heavy falling off in the receipts of our treasury. The receipts of the year have not equalled the expenditures by several thousand dollars. Had it not been for a balance brought over from last year the work would have been greatly embarrassed. As it is, by God's blessing, there is no debt resting on any part of the work. But now the question is shall we be able to send out the new missionaries? To do this and support the work already in hand, there must be a large increase of contributions at the May collection.

As regards the contributions of our own Presbytery, our contributions for the last year are something in advance of last year. According to our Treasurer's report, closing with April 1, 1893, our contributions have been as follows (omitting cents): From churches by collection, $1,742; Ladies' Missionary Societies, $1,566; and these, together with contributions of the children and other sources, amount to $4,342, which is $221 more than was reported as paid last annual meeting Now these results, especially considering the extreme financial stringency of the past year, are very encouraging. And it is immensely better than it was with us a few years ago Now this great improvement, we think, is greatly owing to the contributions of the Ladies' Missionary Societies, the fruits of much self-denial and the stimulating effects of these self-denying efforts on the church in general. How much of these valuable results is due to the gratuitous and self-denying labors of Mrs. E. McRae, of Alma, you all know.

Taking contributions to Foreign Missions, from all sources, the following churches have contributed most largely to this cause, in the order named: Laurinburg, Maxton, Laurel Hill, Ashpole and Lumber Bridge. But when we take into account the membership of churches and their financial means, there are probably other churches, as the Gulf, for instance, that would stand among the first But the Sovereign Judge, for whose glory we are laboring, and before whom all of us must stand to receive our award, will render to all according to to their works, in accordance with the eternal principles of right.

Let us endeavor, in the expenditure of our means, to bear in mind this final review with its infinite and eternal consequences.

To assist us in carrying into practical operation these good desires we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. We recommend to our people the Missionary Calendar, and again urge that earnest endeavors be made by our Sessions and Ladies' Missionary Societies to have the *Missionary*, our very ably edited and instructive periodical, placed in every family within our bounds.

2. We recommend the observance of the "Childrens' Day" with the "concert exercise" papers (sent free to all who desire them) from our Mission Rooms, Nashville.

Above all, we would urge that by careful study of the sin and degredation of our fellow men who are in heathen darkness, and by devout meditation on the command of our Lord and Saviour, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature," and earnest prayer to God to enable us to see and feel and do our full duty to our fellow men and render the obedience we ought to our Saviour's command, let us seek to do for the Saviour's cause as we have never done before.

The report was received and on the motion to adopt it, Rev. T. R. Sampson, the Synodical Secretary of Foreign Missions, delivered an address on the subject, and a collection was made for the cause which amounted to $41.22.

The report was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer by Rev. D. D. McBryde.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, April 21, 1893.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with devotional exercises, consisting of singing, reading the Word and prayer, led by Rev. K. A. McLeod.

The Moderator then called Presbytery to order.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

REV. J. M. CLARK DISMISSED.

Rev. J. M. Clark asked Presbytery to dissolve the Pastoral relations existing between him and Philadelphus, Red Springs and Antioch churches. The churches concurred in the request and Presbytery dissolved the relation.

Rev. J. M. Clark was given a letter of dismission to join the Presbytery of Memphis.

COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

Rev. A. J. McKelway, chairman, *pro tem*, of the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization, submitted the following report:

Your committee is able to report a slight increase in the contributions to this cause during the past year. The whole amount collected is $152 as against $104 last year, and our average per member has increased from 1 3-5 cents per member to 2 cents per member. But our Presbytery stands at the bottom of the roll of the Presbyteries of our Synod in the matter of contributions to this work. Your Agent believes that the time has gone by when general expressions of interest on the part of Presbytery will avail for the prosecution of this cause. The work has reached a crisis in its history when a determined effort must be made and maintained, or we shall soon be struggling under the burden of a disastrous failure. The work must fail unless supported. It is unsupported because the people feel no interest in it. Interest is wanting, because personal work that can be done among the colored people has been neglected, and because the Assembly's work is not understood.

Your committee would therefore recommend: That on the first Sabbath of December of this year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, all the Ministers of this Presbytery preach a sermon upon the duty of personal work among the colored people, and urge upon their charges more liberal contributions to the education of colored Ministers, and the evangelization of the colored race.

Adopted.

ORDER OF DAY—ORPHAN'S HOME.

The hour having arrived to hear Rev. R. W. Boyd in behalf of the Orphan's Home he was heard.

ORDER OF DAY—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The order of the day, to hear Rev. T. R. Sampson in behalf of the cause of Foreign Missions, was entered upon and he was heard.

Presbytery took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order at 3 o'clock P. M. by the Moderator.

TREASURER ELECTED.

The election of a Treasurer for the year, having been omitted inadvertently at the last meeting, Ruling Elder J. A. McAllister was re-elected Treasurer for the current year.

PASTORAL RELATION DISSOLVED.

Rev. P. R. Law asked Presbytery to dissolve the Pastoral relation between him and Lumberton Church, to take place the first of May. The church was heard and concurred in the request. The relation was dissolved to take effect the first of May.

REPORT ON STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CHURCHES.

Rev. D. W. Fox, chairman of the committee to which the statistical reports of the churches were referred, submitted the following report:

Your committee, from the fifty-four reports received from the sixty-seven churches, note failure to contribute to the causes designated by the General Assembly as follows:

To Presbyterial Home Missions—China Grove, McMillan's Chapel, Ashpole, Wadeville, Sharon, Carthage, Summerville, Lebanon.

To Synodical Home Missions—China Grove, Bensalem, McMillan's Chapel, Sharon, Lebanon.

To General Assembly's Home Missions—China Grove, Montpelier, Cameron, Mt. Vernon, McMillan's Chapel, McPherson, Sherwood, Ashpole, Wadeville, Jonesboro, Big Rockfish, Galatia, Carthage.

To Invalid Fund—Red Springs, Church of Covenant, China Grove, Mt. Vernon, McMillan's Chapel, Shannon, McPherson Keyser, Big Rockfish, Pocket, Galatia, Longstreet.

To Colored Evangelistic Fund—Red Springs, Bensalem, Cameron Mt. Vernon, McMillan's Chapel, Philadelphus, Shannon, McPherson, Midway, Buffalo, Sherwood. Keyser, White Hill, Jonesboro, Union, Pocket Cypress, Bluff, Lebanon.

To Bible Society—Rockingham, Red Springs, Barbecue, China Grove, Montpelier, Jackson Springs, Bethesda, Pee Dee, Bensalem, Cameron, Mt. Vernon, Ellerbe Springs, Bethel, McMillan's Chapel, Philadelphus, Shannon, McPherson, Buffalo, St. Pauls, Sherwood, Keyser, White Hill, Wadeville, Sharon, Jonesboro, Union, St. Andrews, Fayetteville, Big Rockfish, Pocket, Galatia, Carthage, Cypress, Summerville, Bluff, Lebanon, Iona, Longstreet.

To Presbyterial Colportage—Rockingham, Sardis, Church of Covenant, China Grove, Montpelier, Jackson Springs, Bensalem, Cameron, Mt. Vernon, Ellerbe Springs, Bethel, McMillan's Chapel, Philadelphus, McPherson Buffalo, Ashpole, Keyser, White Hill, Wadeville Sharon, Jonesboro, Union, St. Andrews, Fayetteville, Big Rockfish, Pocket, Galatia, Cypress, Gulf, Bluff, Lebanon, Longstreet.

Synodical Orphan's Home—Rockingham, Mt. Tabor, Red Springs, Church of Covenant, Barbecue, China Grove, Jackson Springs, Antioch, Cameron Mt. Vernon, Ellerbe Springs, McMillan's Chapel, Philadelphus, Shannon, Sherwood White Hill, Wadeville, Sharon, Union, St. Andrews, Big Rockfish, Pocket, Galatia, Cypress, Summerville, Bluff, Lebanon, Iona, Longstreet.

To Foreign Missions—Ellerbe Springs, Sherwood, Wadeville.

To Education—Red Springs, McMillan's Chapel, Sharon.

To Church and Christian Education—Mt. Tabor, Pittsboro, Sardis, China Grove, Montpelier, Bethesda, Bensalem, Cameron, Mt. Vernon, Ellerbe Springs, Bethel, McMillan's Chapel, Smyrna, Midway, Buffalo, St. Pauls; Sherwood, Ashpole, Keyser, White Hill, Wadeville, Sharon, Jonesboro, Union, St. Andrews, Big Rockfish, Pocket, Galatia, Carthage, Cypress, Summerville, Lebanon, Iona.

To Publication and Colportage—Mt. Tabor, Red Springs, Pittsboro, Montpelier, Laurel Hill, Bensalem, Cameron, Laurinburg, McMillan's Chapel, Smyrna, Lumber Bridge, Buffalo, St. Pauls, Sherwood, Keyser, Wadeville, Sharon, Big Rockfish, Pocket, Bluff, Lebanon, Longstreet.

In view of these facts, your committee would respectfully recommend:

1. That Pastors and Stated Supplies be instructed to present to their congregations the needs of each cause, at the time designated by the General Assembly, and that opportunity be given to contribute to the same.

2. That the Presbytery here and hereafter express its disapproval of neglects as instanced, by public censure of such churches as have failed or may fail, for unsatisfactory reasons, to contribute to each of these causes.

Adopted.

CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Rev. P. R. Law, chairman of Committee on Church and Christian Education, submitted the following report:

Your Committee on Church and Christian Education begs leave to report:

From an examination of the reports from the fifty-four churches which have reported to this meeting we find that eighteen of them made contributions to this cause as they were ordered to do, and the aggregate of their contributions is $102.15.

Concerning securing subscriptions and laboring otherwise to open two Presbyterian schools, one for girls and one for boys, we would report that owing to the severity of the winter and the unusual scarcity of money among the people, together with the engrossing cares of our charges. we have been, to a large degree, hindered in our canvass of the field Therefore we have secured in subscriptions for the opening of a high school for girls at Floral College only eighteen shares of stock, or $450.

Having resolved to concentrate our efforts solely on the work of opening the school for girls. we have no report to make, at this time, concerning the school for boys.

1. We recommend, that the work of canvassing the field in behalf of this cause be continued.
2. That the importance of the great cause of Church and Christian Education be renewedly emphasized and a collection therefor be urged upon all our churches.

Adopted.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. W. F. Thom submitted the report on Sabbath Schools, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes (see appendix), and a copy forwarded to the General Assembly.

MINUTES OF SYNOD

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., made the following report on the minutes of Synod:

The Committee on the Minutes to Synod would call the attention of Presbytery first to the action of Synod on page 41 in regard to admonishing delinquent churches who neglect contributions to Publication and Colportage.

We would also direct attention to the Synodical Treasurer's report on page 18, and to the arrearage of $175 due from Fayetteville Presbytery to Synod's Treasury for four years past.

We would further recommend that the Presbyterial Treasurer use all diligence in collecting arrears on Presbyterial assessments, and in paying this debt as soon as possible.

Adopted.

THE ALDERMAN COMMUNICATION.

Ruling Elder, J. M. McIver, chairman of the committee to which was referred the communication of Col. William Alderman, made the following report:

The committee to which was referred the letter and papers of Col. William Alderman respectfully report:

That whereas the case against Col. William Alderman from which his alleged grievances originated was dismissed by Presbytery upon his own confession that he had not always lived up to the obligations resting upon him as a christian, and desired to be forgiven for whatever wrong-doing he had been guilty of, and, whereas upon the discontinuance of the action by Presbytery Col. Alderman obtained a certificate of dismission from Sherwood Church, and has, since obtaining said certificate of dismission, persistently pressed his alleged grievance against the peace, unity and purity of the church, Therefore,

Resolved, *1*. That the papers forwarded to this Presbytery by Col. Alderman be returned to him and that Presbytery decline to appoint the committee requested.

Resolved, *2* That Presbytery will regard the further agitation of this matter by Col. Alderman as the manifestation of an unchristian spirit.

Adopted.

THE NARRATIVE.

Rev. A. J. McKelway, chairman of the Committee on the Narrative, submitted the following report:

It is with unfeigned regret that this committee finds in the narrative of the fifty-four churches which have reported to Presbytery so much that is disheartening and so little that is hopeful and encouraging. Only one church has been vacant for its entire year; two fields have been without regular supply for several months, but all the other churches have had the regular ministration of the Word. Yet nearly one-fourth of our churches report no additions to their membership; nearly one-half have lost more by death and dismissal than they have gained by accession; several have made no progress, the gain and loss being equal; and, with a few notable exceptions, the number added in the churches where we can report growth instead of decline, is an insignificant percentage of the total membership. Such facts call for humiliation before God, for importunate prayer for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit and for a re-dedication to Christ's service of all who profess to be witnesses unto Him.

Harmony among the brethren of the same church, and cordial relations between minister and people, are noted as the prevailing characteristics of the churches. There are some notes of discord, however, and some hints of dissatisfaction that indicate a condition of affairs to be deplored and to be remedied if possible.

In the matter of contributions some churches are worthy of praise. Some, however, complain that the burdens are borne by a few, many of the members not appreciating the responsibility resting upon them as the Lord's Stewards. Many of the churches confess that they do not come up to the measure of their duty and privilege, and the reports of others show a lamentable indifference to the most important causes of the church. There is hope for better things, however, in the multiplication of the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Societies, and in the noble work these organizations are doing for the great cause of the evangelization of the world, and in some of our churches these societies furnish the most hopeful signs of life and growth.

The few churches that have reported on the subject of family worship testify mainly to a good degree of observance of this much neglected duty

It is with devout thankfulness to God that in this age of loose Sabbath observance we can report that by the well-nigh unanimous testimony of our churches the day is kept holy unto God, a day of rest and worship; and that the influence of this scriptural Sabbath observance is not lost upon the communities where Presbyterianism is established. Therefore, while confessing our unfaithfulness and deploring the decline in our membership and the small increase in our contributions, we trust that these facts will awaken us to renewed zeal and consecration, and we are encouraged to hope from the prevailing peace and harmony of the churches and the high standard of christian morality generally maintained, there are no great obstacles to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom amoung us, and to pray that by the blessing of God a rich harvest may soon be reaped, and many may be added to the church daily of such as shall be saved.

Received and adopted and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The following report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was submitted by the chairman, Rev. A. N. Ferguson:

Your committee respectfully reports that of the eleven candidates now under the care of Presbytery, four are prosecuting their studies at Davidson College, viz: A. K. Pool, C. E. Hodgin, J. D. Arnold and Arch'd McLauchlin. These, according to reports sent by the Faculty to your committee, are making commendable progress in their studies, and their deportment is good.

Three are at Union Seminary, viz: A. A. McGeachy, K. A. Campbell and J. L. Wicker. No report received from the Faculty. D. J. Currie is at Columbia Seminary. his reports both as to scholarship and deportment are highly commendable. J. G. Conoly is in the Theological department at Southwestern Presbyterian University. L. L. Little is at Princeton Seminary M. D. McNeill has for some time past been engaged in teaching at Cameron, and has also been giving religious services to Union. Cameron and Cypress churches. He expected to be in the Seminary this year, but his eyes have been in such a condition as to prevent any close application to study.

As to financial contributions to the cause of Ministerial Education we learn from the Treasurer's report that $514.87 have been received as collections from the churches since April 1, 1892 Of this amount $265,27 has been received since last fall meeting of Presbytery. At that meeting, Presbytery as usual pledged to raise $700 for the cause of education and authorized its committee to apportion said amount among the churches, to be raised during the months of November and April. The apportionment was made and forwarded to the churches previous to the November collection

In reference to the collections for the months above named, your committee would call attention to the resolution adopted at last fall meeting, which was to the effect that at this spring meeting all Pastors and Stated Supplies be called on to state whether they have had these collections taken in their respective churches.

Adopted.

CALLS AND SUPPLIES.

Rev. Joseph Evans, chairman of Committee on Calls and Supplies, would report that no papers have been put into his hands, except from

Dunn and McMillan's Chapel, and the way was not clear for anything to be done in these cases, and requests the committee to be dismissed.

Adopted.

ROLL CALLED IN MATTER OF EDUCATION COLLECTION.

The roll was called to ascertain what churches took up a collection for the cause of Education.

Presbytery receded from business untill after divine worship.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order after divine worship, and at 9 P. M. by the Moderator.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Rev. D. D. McBryde read a memorial minute concerning the late Rev. N. McKay, D. D., and Rev. D. Fairley one concerning the late Rev. James McQueen. The former was adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes as the latter had been, and is as follows:

The Rev. Neill McKay, D. D., whose death occurred on the 27th day of March, last, was born in Cumberland, now Harnett, County, N. C., February 11, 1816. His parents were Neill McKay, Eqs., and Mrs Flora McNeill McKay. He was prepared for college by Rev. Simon Colton, D. D., at the Donaldson Academy, Fayettevill, N. C. He spent two years in Princeton College, and graduated from Union College, N. Y., in 1838. He took his theological course in the Seminary at Columbia, S. C., graduating in 1841, and was ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry *sine titulo* by the Presbytery of Fayetteville, N. C., on the 13th of November of the same year. His life work in preaching the gospel was within a radius of twenty-five miles of the place where he was born and died.

Dr. McKay was a staunch Calvinist—a theologian of the old school type. His powerful mind enabled him to grasp and digest the profound mysteries of this system of revealed truth.

The doctrines of grace sustained his own faith, and he preached them to his dying fellow-men, not shunning to declare the whole counsel of God. He was a profound thinker, a clear and logical reasoner, and the truth once apprehended was to him a reality, upon which his faith rested as upon an immoveable foundation. This was characteristic of our dear departed brother, mentally, morally and religiously.

He gave his youth, manhood, and old age, to the churches of Buffalo, Mt. Pisgah, Sandy Grove, Flat Branch and Summerville, all within the bounds of Fayetteville Presbytery. Much of Brother McKay's time was given to gratuitous work in distitute places and feeble churches. Dr. McKay was a man of superior mind, of rare combination of personal characteristics. He was a man of polite and polished manners, of culture and refinement. He was an honored and influential member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina, which confered upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

For nearly two years, as touchingly expressed in his farewell letter to his brethren of this Presbytery, the Lord was gently leading him down into the valley of the shadow of death.

The power of faith and of divine grace to support the soul in adversity, was beautifully illustrated There was no shadow save the shadow of the valley into which he was slowly but surely descending. His trust was in the mercy of God and the merits of his Savior. He often exclaimed: Oh! the precious covenant, the precious covenant, how wonderful the mercy of God, that notwithstanding our unworthiness, and comparative unprofitableness, we should be made the heirs of salvation

DOKETED.

The report of the committee making nominations to fill vacancies in the committee to conduct the Institute of the Elders and Deacons for Bible Study was received and docketed.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, April 22, 1893.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with devotional exercises, consisting of singing, reading the Word, and prayer, led by Rev. J. M. Clark.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended and approved.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was submitted, read, adopted and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes (see appendix), and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

RECORDS OF SHILOH CHURCH SESSIONS.

Rev. A. Currie submitted the following report on the Records of the Shiloh Church Session:

The records of the Session of Shiloh Church were examined and approved as far as written, except that in a case of discipline for public scandal, as recorded on page 9, the sentence of the Session was not in accordance with the requirement of the Rules of the Book of Church Order, Chapter X, section 3.

It was moved and adopted that the above exception to the Shiloh Sessional Records be stricken out and the records be approved.

AUDITING COMMITTEE ABOLISHED.

It was moved and adopted that the standing committee to audit the books and accounts of the Treasurer be abolished. The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the Presbyterial Treasurer be instructed at each Spring meeting to bring his books, vouchers and accounts, and that all church Treasurers be directed to send to Presbytery the receipts given them by the Presbyterial Treasurer during the year ending April 1st of each year, that they may all be examined by an auditing committee appointed at each Spring meeting.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF PRESBYTERY.

Rev. D. D. McBryde, chairman of the committee to ascertain the indebtedness of Presbytery and the amount due it, and recommend a method to pay its indebtedness, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the investigation of the financial condition of the Presbytery, would submit the following:

The aggregate indebtedness of the Presbytery, as nearly as can be ascertained, is $552.50, to meet this indebtedness there is in the hands of the Treasurer $300, leaving a deficit still of $252. To meet this balance of indebtedness there is due from churches $550 arrears of the Presbyterial fund. It is believed that from this source an amount may, by proper efforts, be secured, sufficient to cancel the other indebtedness of Presbytery. We therefore recommend:

1. That a committee be appointed consisting of Rev. A. J. McKelway, chairman, Rev. Messrs. D. D. McBryde, Joseph Evans, D. Fairley, P. R. Law, A. N. Ferguson, and Elders S. C. Rankin, Jas. Dalrymple, J. A. McArthur, R. McCaskill and J C McCaskill, to inquire carefully into the credits and debits of Presbytery with the General Assembly the Synod and the churches, secure as soon as possible the arrears due from churches, and make with them such final settlement as best they can.

2. That the Treasurer be directed to pay out the funds on hand *pro rata* on the indebtedness of Presbytery.

Adopted.

ABOUT EMPLOYING AN EVANGELIST.

It was resolved that the Home Missions Committee be ordered to proceed at once to send down blanks to all the churches of the Presbytery on which to return to it pledges of amounts to support a Presbyterial Evangelist, and as soon as the churches shall be heard from and the way shall be adjudged clear that it employ an evangelist on a salary of twelve hundred dollars to labor according to instructions of Presbytery heretofore given.

ORDER TO PAY REV. J. P. McPHERSON.

It was resolved that the $25 due as a balance on last year to Rev. J. P. McPherson, Stated Clerk Emeritus, be now paid out of the Invalid Fund and this amount thus borrowed from the Invalid Fund shall be returned to it from the Presbyterial Fund as soon as possible.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The report of Rev. D. D. McBryde, chairman of the Executive Committee, in the interest of the Bible Cause, made the following report:

Your committee would respectfully report that there has been an increased interest in this important branch of the church's benevolent work. Earnest appeals have been made in the religious papers to arrest the attention and enlist the sympathies of the christians in this work. The results, though affording evidence of a reviving interest, are still far short of the merits of the case. It is evident that the progress and final triumphs of the gospel over the kingdom of Satan depend upon the publication and dissemination of the gospel, which is the power of God unto Salvation. To stop the printing and dissemination of the Word of God would be to arrest the chariot on which Christ rides in His conquest of the kingdom of darkness. It would close our churches and Sabbath-schools in many instances, recall our Missionaries and relegate the world to the kingdom of darkness. The Bible Cause must then be brought more prominently before our christian people. Our Ministers and church officers, should inform themselves on the subject of the claims and needs of this work so intimately connected with and so essential to the salvation of the lost world.

Your committee would report that only sixteen out of sixty-seven churches made any contributions to the Bible Society. And the whole amount contributed is $72.76. This, though indicating progress, is far short of the measure of our duty. May its very deficiency call forth more earnest, faithful and self-denying efforts in the future.

Adopted.

REV. A. CURRIE DISMISSED.

Rev. A. Currie was, at his own request, dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Orange.

Presbytery receded from business until after Divine worship.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator after Divine worship.

COLPORTAGE.

The following report of the Agent of Colportage was read:

Your Colporteur, D. J. Campbell, has been, since the 1st of April, 1892, actively engaged in the colportage work of the Presbytery such part of the time as opportunity and the support of the work seemed to justify. During this time he has sold about $430 worth of books, travelled 875 miles, visited 500 homes and 20 congregations, and held 26 services. Your Colporteur has been paid in full to the present, but there is due to the committee for books bought $364. Of this $330 is covered by stock on hand. Presbytery asked for $300 for the year ending April 1st, 1893, and by its order this amount was apportioned among the churches, but only $113.63 was received. Only $30 are in the treasury to this cause now, and that is about all you can expect till the next collection, nearly a year hence. Owing to the embarrassed condition of the colportage work your committee would recommend:

1. That the stock of books on hand be placed in charge of the Agent for the present.
2. That till the fall meeting of Presbytery this whole matter of Colportage be placed in the hands of the Agent of Colportage, together with the chairmen of the various visitation committees, and the chairman of Home Missions of the Presbytery, to devise, if possible, ways and means of prosecuting this work.
3. That the Ministers and Sessions of those churches that have taken no collection for colportage during the past year be directed to give their people an opportunity, as soon as practicable, to contribute to this cause.

Adopted.

NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN.

The report of the committee to which was referred the report of the Agent of the *North Carolina Presbyterian* was submitted and amended and adopted as follows:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville recognizes and emphasizes the importance of the *North Carolina Presbyterian* as her helper in doing the Lord's work. This is shown by the fact that an Agent has been appointed to look after this especial interest. It is further shown by the fact that he has directed and insisted upon all her Ministers to act as Agent in their respective congregations.

Your Agent, in his endeavor to perform the duties imposed upon him, has instituted an inquiry which reveals a deplorable destitution and neglect in the Presbytery as to the employment of this important agency in the development of the kingdom of Christ. Many of the Ministers, it would seem, have paid no attention whatever to the directions of Presbytery, neither acting as agents themselves nor having any agent appointed to act in each congregation. Most of the Ministers do commend the paper from the pulpit and there the matter ends. Only about one-third of the families of our Presbytery take their church organ. Of the Elders a little more than half take it, and a fraction over one-third of the Deacons.

Men take little interest in what they know little about. Without the church paper they know little about the church. Hence they will feel and manifest little interest in church work. Therefore your Agent would recommend the adoption of the following:

1. That Fayetteville Presbytery recognizes the *North Carolina Presbyterian* as the organ through which its churches are informed concerning the matters of interest and importance, looking to the development and progress of the church; therefore its extensive circulation is a matter in which the best interests of the Presbytery are vitally involved.

2. In order that this organ of the Presbytery's power for good may be brought into more efficient service, each Minister is urged to either act as Agent in his own charge, or see to it that the Session in each church appoint one.

EDUCATIONAL.

The following paper was adopted in answer to questious made to the Presbytery by the General Assembly's Executive Committee on Education:

1. Does your Presbytery take due care in recommending candidates for aid? Yes.

2. Has the Presbytery made diligent efforts to secure contributions for education from all your churches? Yes.

3. What proportion of your contributions has been sent to our Treasurer? All sent.

4. How have the collections for other causes in the month of November affected the education collection? Not affected, no other collection in conflict.

5. Is the Presbytery now willing to assume the deficit on its apportionment of this year, and have it added to its apportionment for next year, i. e, if any deficit should remain after the April collection? Yes.

6. Do you favor a large appropriation to the candidates, or shall $100 be the maximum? Do not favor increase.
7. What is your present number of candidates? Eleven.

VACANCIES IN INSTITUTE COMMITTEE FILLED

The report of the committee making nominations to fill the vacancies in the Institute Committee was taken from the docket and amended and adopted as follows: That Rev. D. M. McIver be appointed to fill the place made vacant by the departure of Rev. J. M. Clark, and that Ruling Elder E. F. McRae be appointed to succeed Licentiate Black. It was further ordered that the committee be increased by the addition of Ruling Elders, L. Shaw and J. A. McKay.

TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

The time for the next stated meeting was made Wednesday at 11 A. M. October 18, 1893.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Rev. P. R. Law introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of Presbytery be and are hereby returned to the congregation of Laurinburg Church and the community for their elegant and lavish hospitality during this meeting; to the churches of Laurinburg for the use of their houses of worship, and to the railway companies for reduced rates over their lines to delegates in coming to and going from the meeting.

Adopted.

ADJOURNMENT.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Maxton, Thursday, at 10 o'clock A. M., July 27, 1893.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

W. M. ELDRIDGE,
Moderator.

J. S. BLACK, } *Temporary Clerks.*
W. C. MCPHAIL, }

ATTEST: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Report of the Presbytery of Fayetteville to the General Assembly for the year ending April 1, 1893.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	NO. ON ROLL.		AVE'GE AT'ANCE.		Scholars admitted to the Communion.	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.		For their own Expenses.	For Other Purposes.
Antioch	16	188	14	110	....	$.....	$.....
Bethel	8	104	7	78	....	8 60	15 85
Big Rockfish	6	14	5	12	....	1 50	2 00
Bensalem	11	100	8	75	....	11 00	......
Bethesda	15	135	10	76	....	23 87	9 56
Buffalo	10	59	7	33	....	23 36	......
Cameron	6	42	5	25	1	6 51	1 12
Carthage	9	84	6	47	2	44 98	30 00
Centre	18	183	14	105	....	49 82	16 50
China Grove	3	18	2	12	....	......	......
Church of the Covenant	8	40	4	30	....	......	......
Fayetteville	26	208	22	88	5	64 57	79 23
Galatia	5	85	4	55	....	12 00	40 00
Jackson Springs	5	40	4	30	....	......	......
Jonesboro	9	90	7	50	....	48 49	17 66
Laurel Hill	14	95	11	55	....	30 00	......
Laurinburg	14	175	11	97	1	83 89	100 70
Lumber Bridge	8	75	6	50	9	18 00	2 08
Lumberton	12	65	7	34	....	24 76	......
Long Street	8	68	5	42	1	6 00	......
Maxton	19	149	17	101	8	234 11	61 70
McMillan's Chapel	5	57	4	30	....	1 65	......
McPherson	5	48	4	32	....	9 70	8 14
Midway	6	50	6	31	....	28 71	18 99
Mt. Tabor	2	35	2	20	4	4 00	......
Mt. Pisgah	..	...	...	...	....	......	......
Mt. Vernon Springs	3	25	3	20	....	3 00	......
Pee Dee	4	28	4	28	3	5 00	......
Pocket	6	44	4	29	2	6 00	2 00
Philadelphus	4	45	3	32	....	4 06	......
Pittsboro	1	12	1	8	....	......	......
Sharon	5	30	5	20	....	......	......
Smyrna	4	30	3	20	1	1 80	7 24
Shannon	2	36	2	27	....	......	7 48
Summerville	4	30	3	20	....	2 50	......
St. Pauls	9	100	7	75	....	12 72	1 50
Sherwood	6	50	4	30	....	10 00	......
St. Andrews	8	49	6	37	....	......	6 34
Union	8	35	6	28	25	3 26	6 60
White Hill	9	94	7	40	2	9 37	......
Wadeville	4	50	4	44	30	4 25	......
Iona	5	34	5	24	....	5 00	......
Bluff	12	93	8	65	5	11 26	48 89
Sardis	5	30	4	25	....	9 25	......
Barbecue	4	47	3	25	....	6 00	3 00
Red Springs	5	43	4	38	1	17 66	4 77
Rockingham	5	40	4	30	....	11 40	5 00
Shiloh	6	61	...	24	....	5 50	......
Total	372	3,210	282	2,007	100	$863 22	$440 25

Only forty-seven churches of the sixty-seven on our roll have sent up statistical reports of their schools. These show 372 teachers and 3,210 scholars enrolled, and an average attendance of 282 teachers and 2,007 scholars. The number of children reported to have been admitted to the communion is 100. The amount contributed to their own expenses is reported to be $863.22, and other purposes $440.25. These reports show also that many schools take no collections for the different causes as recommended by the General Assembly. It furthermore appears that very few of our Ministers have religious services expressly for the children.

The following churches made no reports: Ashpole, Bethlehem, Culdee, Cypress, Dunn, Ellerbe Springs, Euphronia, Flat Branch, Haywood, Keyser, Lebanon, Mark's Creek, Montpelier, Mt. Carmel, Philippi, Sandy Grove and Sharon.

Recommendations: 1. That the attention of our Ministers be called to the importance of conducting religious services expressly for the children of the Sabbath-schools.

2. That the Preachers, Elders, and Deacons, in our churches making no reports, be urged to organize schools where there are none, and to maintain them in all their churches, and make an annual report of the same to Presbytery at each Spring meeting.

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The report of the Presbytery of Fayetteville to the General Assembly, for the Year ending April 1, 1893:

OBJECTS.	NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS. CONTRIBUTING.	AMOUNTS.
Sustentation	39	$ 465 00
Evangelist	46	940 00
Invalid Fund	36	234 00
Foreign Missions	46	5,630 00
Education	41	673 00
Publication	36	211 00
Colored Evangelistic Fund	31	162 00
Church Erection	36	156 00
Bible Society	16	73 00
Presbyterial	40	496 00
Pastors' salaries actually paid & rental value of manse	42	11,765 00
Congregational	26	3,475 00
Miscellaneous	18	934 00
Total		$ 25,214 00

Nine congregations have contributed to all the nine objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; Eleven have contributed to eight; six have contributed to seven; nine have contributed to six; nine have contributed to five; four have contributed to four; one has contributed to three; none have contributed to two; none have contributed to one; eighteen have contributed to none.

Does the Presbytery call upon the churches that fail to make any of the collections ordered to give their reasons for failure? Yes.

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STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IT COMPRISES 22 MINISTERS AND 67 CHURCHES, AND HAS UNDER ITS CARE 0 LICENTIATES AND 11 CANDIDATES.

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND CANDIDATES.	POST-OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	OFFICERS.		COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.		Baptized Non-Communicants.	S. S. BIBLE CLASSES.		FUNDS COLLECTED.																						
																													FOREIGN MISSIONS.						
			Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Whole Number.	Adult.	Infant.		Teachers.	Scholars.	Presbyterial Home Missions.	Synodical Home Missions.	General Assembly's Home Missions.	Invalid Fund.	Ministerial Education.	Church and Christian Education.	Colportage.	Colored Evangelistic Fund.	Bible Society.	Presbyterial.	Synodical Orphan's Home.	Pastor's Salary Actually Paid.	Sums Actually Paid Treasurer.	Sums from Sabbath-schools.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.	By Collection.	By Gent's Societies.	By Ladies' Societies.	Extra C. D. Bands.	Children's et al Soc.	Individual and Contingent.	Aggregate.
J. P. McPherson, Infirm	Jonesboro, N. C.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	......	......	......	......	....	......	....	......	....	......	....	......
A. McMillan, Infirm	Laurinburg, "	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	......	......	......	......	....	......	....	......	....	......	....	......
D. D. McBryde, S. S.	Little River Academy "	Flat Branch, S. S.	....	....	....	....	*121	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	......	......	......	......	....	$ 3	....	$ 5	....	......	....	$ 8
" " "	" " " "	Barbecue, S. S.	4	5	....	1	115	...	3	25	4	47	$ 1	$ 1	$ 1	$ 1	$ 3	$ 1	$ 1	$ 1	$...	$ 5	$...	$ 150	$ 171	$ 3	$....	$..	1	$..	13	$..	$....	$..	14
Joseph Evans, P.	Rowland "	Ashpole, P.	11	7	1	...	375	...	9	....	13	165	..	27	..	3	7	..	6	..	6	27	12	900	....	15	28	..	47	..	58	..	18	..	223
" " S. S.	" "	Iona, S. S.	4	3	...	...	42	...	1	....	5	40	2	3	2	2	1	..	4	1	..	11	..	200	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	25
" " "	" "	Lebanon, S. S.	2	1	...	...	29	...	3	10	..	....	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	70	....	....	....	..	3	..	....	..	....	..	3
A. McQueen, S. S.	Queensdale "	Philippi, S. S.	...	...	...	...	*73	...	...	....	.	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	3	..	....	..	....	..	3
H. G. Hill, D. D., P.	Maxton "	Maxton, P.	5	5	8	11	131	...	13	....	18	139	48	38	19	14	25	4	22	12	2	20	25	527	200	295	62	..	41	24	80	..	36	600	782
" " " P.	" "	Centre, P.	5	8	...	7	236	...	5	105	14	183	66	38	8	7	16	5	4	6	2	20	12	600	114	49	105	67	31	..	97	..	29	..	157
" " " S. S.	" "	Bethlehem, S. S.	...	...	...	...	*25	...	...	....	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	2	..	....	..	....	..	2
David Fairley, P.	Manchester "	Church of the Covenant, P.	1	...	...	...	22	...	...	15	8	50	..	5	1	..	3	1	1	1	2	..	..	....	54	....	....	..	14	..	47	3	....	..	64
" " S. S.	" "	China Grove, S. S.	3	...	...	...	22	...	...	28	3	18	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	9	..	60	....	....	....	..	12	..	....	..	....	..	12
" " S. S.	" "	Sandy Grove, S. S.	...	..	..	...	*125	...	...	....	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	14	..	7	..	14	..	35
" " S. S.	" "	Longstreet, S. S.	5	5	1	...	73	...	1	34	...	....	3	1	1	..	6	1	..	2	..	..	..	75	....	....	....	..	12	..	18	..	....	..	30
" " S. S.	" "	McPherson, S. S.	5	3	...	...	87	...	3	40	5	42	4	3	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	8	..	....	....	17	....	..	12	5	....	..	4	..	43
A. N. Ferguson, P.	Laurinburg "	Laurel Hill, P.	9	3	6	3	206	...	5	....	14	95	34	24	20	12	40	10	12	29	7	20	84	400	....	30	6	59	59	41	153	21	18	..	286
" " S. S.	" "	Smyrna, S. S.	5	2	1	1	80	...	12	....	...	....	9	16	7	4	12	..	8	3	4	10	27	300	....	....	....	..	23	..	45	13	7	..	75
" " "	" "	Midway, S. S.	3	8	...	...	72	...	...	3	6	50	4	5	3	2	4	..	4	..	1	7	6	100	....	18	44	..	10	..	24	..	16	..	51
K. M. McIntyre, S. S.	Endicott "	Bensalem, S. S.	8	5	.	2	216	2	...	60	11	100	1	..	3	1	2	..		..	..	6	..	157	....	....	....	35	5	..	41	..	....	..	46
" " "	" "	Macedonia, S. S.	...	..	...	...	*135	...	...	....	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	3	..	....	..	....	..	3
J. S. Black, P.	St. Pauls "	Summerville, P.	3	3	2	...	100	..	2	72	4	30	..	12	10	7	3	..	2	2	..	10	..	224	78	....	....	..	32	..	....	..	....	.	32
" " S. S.	" "	St. Pauls, S. S.	5	4	4	1	223	1	4	74	9	100	10	14	11	11	22	..	12	8	..	..	8	371	261	....	4	..	80	..	46	19	15	..	161
" " "	" "	Mt. Tabor, S. S.	2	1	4	...	65	.	...	16	2	35	1	3	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	5	..	105	43	4	....	..	6	3	25	2	...	..	34
" " "	" "	Big Rockfish, S. S.	4	4	3	8	155	2	4	....	6	14	2	2	..	..	8	..	..	2	..	8	.	87	....	....	13	10	20	..	11	..	....	..	34
P. R. Law, S. S.	Lumber Bridge "	Lumber Bridge, S. S.	7	5	13	3	188	3	1	28	8	75	9	9	7	8	17	9	4	3	2	15	11	341	....	2	24	..	57	..	52	62	31	..	205
" " "	" " "	Shannon, S. S.	3	1	...	4	28	...	...	1	2	36	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	.	23	....	....	6	..	2	..	....	..	7	..	9
J. W. Johnston, S. S.	Aberdeen "	Bethesda, S. S.	5	4	10	8	136	1	11	....	15	136	22	18	13	6	24	.	12	7	..	12	36	305	....	....	410	..	51	..	47	..	....	..	98
" " "	" "	Bethel, S. S.	4	6	1	2	153	...	2	....	8	104	5	11	6	4	9	..	2	2	..	6	4	225	53	....	9	..	31	..	21	..	15	..	68
" " "	" "	Montpelier, S. S.	6	5	2	4	59	2	3	36	8	64	6	11	..	3	2	..	..	1	..	12	1	200	....	17	...	..	29	..	14	.	4	..	47
" " "	" "	Keyser, S. S.	2	2	...	...	25	...	1	....	...	....	2	2	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	5	5	40	....	....	....	..	3	..	10	..	....	..	13
K. A. McLeod, P.	Mt. Gilead "	Sharon, P.	3	3	...	...	28	...	...	....	...	....	..	..	1	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	....	....	....	..	1	..	....	..	....	..	1
" " "	" "	Pee Dee, P.	3	...	2	2	42	2	...	4	4	28	4	5	5	3	23	9	14	3	..	10	..	304	....	....	39	..	29	..	28	..	....	..	58
" " S. S.	" "	Wadeville, S. S.	3	2	2	...	13	...	...	....	...	....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	68	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	....
M. N. McIver, S. S.	Rockingham "	Mt. Carmel, S. S.	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	1	..	....	..	....	..	1
" " "	" "	Ellerbe Springs, S. S.	5	4	...	...	73	...	2	....	...	....	1	1	3	1	2	..	1	..	..	2	..	132	17	....	....	..	3	..	12	..	....	..	15
" " "	" "	Salem, S. S.	...	...	...	...	*50	...	...	....	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	2	..	....	..	....	..	2
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W. F. Thom, P.	Gulf "	Gulf, P.	3	1	2	...	27	...	1	7	5	20	25	616	7	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	12	160	111	23	35	..	29	..	35	..	16	..	80
" " "	" "	Pittsboro, P.	5	2	5	...	25	4	...	3	1	8	2	2	2	1	2	..	1	1	1	3	60	62	45	....	22	..	24	..	4	..	....	..	28
" " S. S.	" "	Mt. Vernon Springs, S. S.	2	2	2	...	40	1	...	18	3	25	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	62	....	....	1	..	....	..	6	..	....	.	6
G. A. Hough, In transitu	....	....	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	....
J. M. Rose, Syn. Evangelist	Fayetteville "	....	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	....
W. B. Arrowood, P.	Laurinburg "	Laurinburg, P.	8	5	1	6	244	...	12	135	14	175	82	40	45	46	103	20	24	32	28	25	159	1,200	....	184	319	55	207	301	139	..	31	..	679
W. M. Eldridge, P.	Carthage "	Carthage, P.	8	8	2	1	170	...	1	35	9	84	..	10	.	5	10	..	10	3	..	15	8	600	....	74	50	30	20	..	26	..	12	..	58
" " "	" "	Culdee, P.	...	...	..	...	77	...	...	....	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	1	4	3	..	....	.	8
D. W. Fox, S. S.	Rockingham "	Rockingham, S. S.	4	5	2	9	88	...	4	16	5	40	6	5	4	1	5	1	3	3	..	9	..	350	50	11	116	..	14	..	5	..	5	..	24
" " "	" "	Jackson Springs, S. S.	4	4	...	...	126	.	3	60	5	35	5	4	3	2	5	2	2	2	..	..	..	202	62	....	28	..	18	..	22	..	6	..	47
" " "	" "	Mark's Creek, S. S.	...	...	...	...	*107	...	...	...	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	2	..	16	..	....	..	19
A. J. McKelway, P.	Fayetteville "	Fayetteville, P.	6	7	10	29	340	6	15	...	26	208	7	315	10	21	24	21	5	6	..	30	51	1,200	201	103	1,824	146	68	..	67	..	43	..	180
D. M. McIver, P.	Lemon Springs "	St. Andrews, P.	3	6	9	2	184	1	2	80	8	37	1	7	5	2	9	..	2	1	..	5	..	217	....	105	36	..	18	..	....	..	....	..	18
" " "	" " "	White Hill, P.	8	4	4	...	107	...	3	24	9	97	2	12	2	2	1	..	2	..	..	4	..	84	26	....	68	..	10	..	6	..	....	..	16
" " "	" " "	Mt. Pisgah, P.	5	4	3	...	126	2	...	....	...	....	11	1	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	10	1	122	....	....	....	..	7	3	10	..	....	..	20
Candidates—11		Sardis, V.	4	4	...	2	45	...	2	20	10	45	7	13	4	7	13	..	3	1	5	..	5	274	....	9	....	..	24	..	30	..	....	..	54
		Shiloh, V.	4	3	1	2	76	...	5	23	6	55	1	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	1	..	27	....	....	....	..	3	..	....	..	....	..	3
		Galatia, V.	6	6	1	...	298	...	...	...	5	85	4	16	..	..	9	.	2	2	..	18	.	....	....	....	....	..	15	..	44	..	....	..	59
		Lumberton, V.	4	3	...	1	91	...	7	40	..	....	18	15	5	16	17	3	12	2	1	11	29	383	221	24	....	..	26	4	72	..	28	..	181
		Red Springs, V.	5	2	2	1	55	...	5	32	5	38	6	5	3	..	1	..	2	..	..	21	..	200	59	18	52	1	19	..	18	..	....	..	37
		Philadelphus, V.	7	4	1	...	102	...	...	4	...	....	11	1	2	..	6	1	1	..	..	23	..	211	....	....	....	..	10	..	6	..	....	..	17
		Antioch, V.	9	7	13	6	244	3	2	97	16	185	1	4	8	2	12	2	3	1	5	12	..	288	....	....	9		29	10	20	..	11	..	72
		Bluff, V.	5	3	6	.	175	...	...	....	12	93	16	10	7	6	8	..	..	..	..	5	..	580	....	....	....	34	26	..	53	..	6	..	85
		Dunn, V.	1	2	1	1	40	...	...	2	...	....	2	..	..	2	7	..	1	7	..	..	..	200	....	....	158	..	8	..	....	..	....	..	8
		Cameron, V.	6	2	10	...	95	8	5	25	6	42	34	1	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	8	..	116	74	7	....	..	16	..	26	..	1	..	44
		Union, V.	9	9	14	2	275	5	7	75	8	35	3	5	4	2	3	..	2	..	..	15	..	149	68	....	13	6	17	..	16	..	....	..	33
		Cypress, V.	6	5	22	...	175	9	...	61	...	....	13	2	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	7	..	100	47	....	....	.	14	..	4	..	....	18	18
		Jonesboro, V.	2	3	...	...	68	...	...	24	9	90	5	4	..	7	8	..	1	..	..	10	3	....	94	66	15	15	8	.	38	..	14	..	61
		Buffalo, V.	5	3	...	...	112	...	...	26	...	59	2	4	2	4	3	..	..	..	..	12	..	165	....	....	7	..	11	..	....	..	....	..	11
		Pocket, V.	4	4	3	...	63	...	...	14	6	44	17	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	7	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	30	..	2	..	32
		Euphronia, V.	...	...	...	...	87	...	...	....	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	19	..	....	..	19
		Sherwood, V.	2	...	1	...	34	...	...	....	6	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	....
		McMillan's Chapel, V.	3	2	2	...	40	...	5	....	5	57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	4	..	....	‡130	4
Total			262	204	177	119	7,319	52	164	1,372	346	3,158	$536	$763	$260	$ 234	$572	$101	$211	$162	$ 73	$196	$463	$11,765	$2,289	$1,080	$3,475	$471	$2,989	$397	$1,716	$120	$ 395	$618	$5,630

Licensures, 1; Ordinations, 1; Installations, 7; Pastoral relations dissolved, 4; Churches organized, 3; Churches dissolved, 0; Churches received from other denominations, 0; Churches dismissed to other denominations, 0; Ministers received from other denominations, 0; Ministers dismissed to other denominations, 0. Rev Rev. N. McKay. D. D., has been removed by death since our last report.

By order of the Presbytery.

N. B.—Cents are omitted in printing. * By last report. ‡ Presbyterial collection and other contributions.

P. R. LAW, *Stated Clerk.*

TABULATED REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY

APRIL 1, 1892 TO APRIL 1, 1893.

CHURCHES.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.							Church and Christian Education.	Presbyterial Colportage.	HOME MISSIONS.				Invalid Fund.	Assembly's Colportage.	Education.	American Bible Society.	Synodical Orphanage.	Presbyterial.	Total.
	Churches.	Ladies' Societies.	Men's Societies.	Children's Societies.	Sunday School.	Children's Day.	Total.			Assembly's Home Missions.	Colored Evangelistic.	Presbyterial Home Missions.	Synodical Home Missions.							
Ashpole,	$ 47 00	$ 158 35	$	$ 18 22	$	$	223 57	$	$ 6 00	$	$	$	$ 27 00	3 00	$	$ 5 00	$	$	$	$ 264 57
Antioch,	29 90	16 94	10 08		1 00	10 89	68 81	2 62	3 42	8 09	1 17	1 60	4 62	2 86		12 94			12 00	117 53
Barbecue,	5 00	4 05			3 00		12 05				41	8 94		1 63	1 63	1 63			5 00	31 29
Bethel	14 15	17 00					31 15		2 38	6 66	2 24	5 46	11 35	89		9 97		4 16		74 16
Bensalem,	5 00	39 35					44 35		2 55			5 00		1 05		2 29			10 00	65 24
Bethesda,	30 25	34 00					64 25			19 75	7 00	15 00	163 50	6 50		24 00			12 00	317 00
Bethlehem,	2 08						2 08		45	1 19		1 55	1 44	51		53			4 50	12 25
Big Rockfish,	21 00	21 00			1 00		43 00				2 50	2 00	2 50			8 00				58 00
Bluff	26 65	42 85			10 16	6 14	85 80			7 00		16 00	17 50	6 00		8 00			15 00	155 30
Buffalo,		12 00					12 00		3 46		2 95	2 95	4 50			4 65			12 50	43 01
Cameron,	16 57	26 95			1 12		44 64					38 13	1 76	1 36		2 56			4 38	92 83
Carthage,	17 00	12 75					29 75											22 19		51 94
Centre,	27 40	75 80		9 48	10 27	12 78	135 73		5 84	8 37	6 93	56 27	31 78	7 83	6 99	16 47	2 25	12 58	40 00	331 04
China Grove,	12 00						12 00		2 00	5 00	1 00	5 00				11 00			9 00	45 00
Church of the Covenant		32 90		3 33			36 23													36 23
Culdee,	1 36	3 05	4 00				8 41			2 00		3 70			1 21	1 00	29		4 00	20 61
Cypress	14 67	4 00					18 67			95		13 48	2 38	1 70		1 20				38 38
Dunn	1 67	1 85					3 52					2 34		2 62	3 00	3 50				14 98
Ellerbe Springs		12 50					12 50													12 50
Euphronia		19 04					19 04					5 60							2 17	26 81
Fayetteville	80 00	57 77		18 00	25 52		181 29	24 00			7 63	15 06	57 99	21 23		24 14		39 71	30 00	401 05
Flat Branch	3 00	5 50					8 50		2 50		3 00	8 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 00			3 00	33 00
Galatia	27 73	35 40					63 13		2 80		5 72	18 66	16 57			11 33			16 00	134 39
Gulf	29 51	35 00		16 19			80 70	2 00	3 00	7 00	2 00	25 00	308 00	3 00		3 00	3 00		3 00	439 70
Haywood	6 00						6 00					5 00	1 00							12 00
Iona		14 54		5 45		5 00	24 99									1 00			11 85	37 84
Jackson Springs	18 22	22 95		6 15			47 32		2 45	6 01	3 87	5 45	4 00	2 20		5 58				76 88
Jonesboro		15 80			10 87		26 67													26 67
Keyser	3 68	8 68					12 36			3 93		1 77	5 85			4 81		5 05	5 00	38 77
Laurel Hill	59 66	136 75	50 82	17 17		18 15	282 55		12 00	20 00	29 80	34 85	34 89	12 40		40 30	7 32		20 00	494 11
Laurinburg	137 46	179 18	340 75	32 85	49 80	6 70	746 74		24 65	45 59	28 82	82 57	36 31	46 12	21 27	96 72	14 18		50 00	1,192 97
Lebanon																1 00			3 00	4 00
Lumber Bridge	57 63	52 65		26 40	2 08	64 17	202 93	9 22	4 51	9 67	3 20	17 81		8 40		32 38		11 77	20 00	319 89
Lumberton	26 09	61 50	4 05	28 85			115 49	3 06	2 73	5 10	2 86	18 20	15 64	6 36	9 74	17 11	1 73	12 00	11 15	221 17
Longstreet	12 51						12 51	1 00		1 60	2 22	3 50	1 20			6 99				29 02
Mark's Creek,	2 60	16 45					19 05			1 50		1 00	2 07	1 10		1 63			3 75	30 10
Macedonia	3 00						3 00		1 00							1 00			5 00	10 00
Maxton	48 51	84 46					132 97				12 85	31 02	54 93	14 72	13 36	33 88			20 00	313 23
Midway,	10 10	24 60			7 00	9 48	51 18		2 16	1 90	1 40	4 57	5 90	2 37		4 65	1 00	1 49	7 00	83 58
Montpelier	8 98	10 50				4 33	23 81			3 05		11 39	14 00	1 53		1 39			6 00	61 17
Mt. Carmel	1 16						1 16													1 16
Mt. Pisgah,	7 45	10 50					17 95				2 10	10 50							7 92	38 47
Mt. Tabor	6 43	25 30	3 25				34 98			1 76			3 27	1 71		1 54			5 00	48 26
McMillan's Chapel		6 04					6 04					3 02								9 06
McPherson	5 60	26 72				4 14	36 46					4 00	4 85			2 06			10 48	57 85
Mt. Vernon Springs		6 00					6 00		1 00			2 00	1 00			1 00			2 50	13 50
Pee Dee	27 88	23 47					51 35		6 67	5 70			4 68	3 08	4 50	21 10			10 00	107 08
Philippi	3 14						3 14			96					1 37					5 47
Philadelphus	7 41	6 09	35	4 09			17 94	1 55	1 05	2 92		4 49	1 92	48		6 19			11 75	48 29
Pittsboro	19 87	4 60					24 47					12 00	3 00		1 50				3 00	43 97
Pocket	2 97	25 25			5 50		33 72			1 63		4 80				1 52			7 50	49 17
Red Springs	13 91	6 00	3 50			3 90	27 31		3 60		2 05	14 35	10 83			1 20			7 00	66 35
Rockingham	18 75	5 00				5 00	28 75		3 94	4 28	3 76	7 10	5 97	1 91	1 12	9 11			2 44	68 38
Salem	2 92						2 92			2 03				1 98		2 45				9 38
Sandy Grove	14 11	7 70		2 10	11 98		35 89	1 97		13 68	1 65		5 16			6 62			20 00	84 92
Sardis	24 11	30 00					54 11			4 37		2 91	8 50	7 20		6 22				83 31
Shannon																				
Sharon	3 00	7 29					10 29			4 00	1 00		1 00	2 00		2 00			2 00	22 29
Shiloh				2 50			2 50												3 75	6 25
Sherwood	85						85												3 00	3 85
St. Andrews	14 47		3 61				18 08		3 36	5 95	1 00	3 34	10 81	2 18		9 51			10 00	64 23
St. Pauls	95 17	35 41		10 20		5 00	145 78			13 92	8 78	1 86	2 73	11 45		24 92	6 50	8 66		224 60
Smyrna	23 40	38 65			2 64	4 60	69 29		8 00	7 50	3 05	9 87	16 90	4 41		12 28	4 02		10 00	145 07
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Total from Churches	$ 1,742 23	$ 1,566 21	$ 420 41	$ 195 98	$ 207 13	$ 164 89	$ 4,330 75	$ 45 42	$ 113 68	$ 243 01	$ 152 33	$ 562 45	$ 932 07	$ 202 76	$ 67 69	$ 511 87	$ 40 29	$ 169 77	$ 476 07	$ 7,488 11
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The Scheme of Collections is as follows:

PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS—January and August.
SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS—February and June.
COLPORTAGE—March.
EDUCATION—April and November.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—May and October.
INVALID FUND—July.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS—September.
COLORED EVANGELIZATION—December.

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MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE,

AT THEIR

SIXTY-THIRD SESSIONS,

AT

GALATIA AND FAYETTEVILLE CHURCHES,

From 2d to 9th November,

1844.

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SIXTY-THIRD SESSIONS

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Presbytery met, at Galatia church, in the County of Cumberland, and State of North Carolina, on Saturday, the 2nd day of November, 1844, at 12 o'clock, M., according to adjournment.

A sermon was delivered by The Rev'd Evander McNair, the Moderator of Presbytery, from *Col.* iv. 1. "*Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal, knowing that ye also have a master in Heaven.*"

Opened with singing and prayer.

PRESENT,

The Rev'd Messrs. John McIntyre, Colin McIver, Samuel Paisley, Adam Gilchrist, Hector McLean, Evander McNair, Hector McNeill, Hugh McLaurin, Hugh A. Munroe, and Colin Shaw; with Messrs. Malcom McDonald, Duncan Ray, William Shaw, George Balentine, Edward W. Barge, Duncan McNeill, Daniel Bain, Duncan Campbell, Murdoch McLeod, Hayes W. Beatty, Alex'r Morison, Alex'r Johnston, Alex'r Watson, and James H. McQueen, Ruling-Elders.

ABSENT,

The Rev'd Messrs. Robert Tate, Simeon Colton, Allan McDougald, William Brobston, William N. Peacock, Arch'd Smith, John R. McIntosh, William W. Eells, Malcom Conoley, Arch'd Baker, Neill McKay, and Theophilus G. Potts.

The Rev'd Hector McNeill was chosen Moderator; and The Rev'd Colin Shaw, was appointed Clerk.

The minutes of the last stated Sessions of Presbytery were read.

The Rev'd Messrs. Cyrus Johnston and John S. McCutchan, members of the Presbytery of Concord, being present, were invited to sit, with this Presbytery, as Corresponding members.

Presbytery, having received information of the death of the Rev'd Messrs. McDougald and Potts, appointed The Rev'd Messrs. McIver and Gilchrist, a committee, to draft a minute, proper to be adopted by Presbytery, in reference to this afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence.

Mr. Alex'r Morison was appointed to collect the contingent fund.

Resolved, That the amount, to be contributed to the contingent fund, by each Minister belonging to this Presbytery, and by each Session entitled to a representation therein, by a Ruling-Elder, be, henceforth, one dollar, instead of 80 cents, the amount which has, heretofore, been contributed to this fund.

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The Rev'd Messrs. McIver and McLean, were appointed a committee, to make arrangements for the religious exercises of the present meeting.

The Rev'd Messrs. Paisley and McNair, and Mr. James H. McQueen, were appointed a Committee of supplies.

Adjourned, to meet, at this place, on Monday next, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

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MONDAY, 4th Nov., 1844.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment. Present as above. Opened with prayer. The minutes of Saturday were read.

The Rev'd Messrs. Simeon Colton, William N. Peacock, Arch'd Smith, John R. McIntosh, Malcom Conoley, and Arch'd Baker, appeared in Presbytery; and having assigned satisfactory reasons for their absence on Saturday, took their seats.

A call from the congregation of Philadelphus, addressed to The Rev'd Hector McLean, was submitted to Presbytery; and, being read, and found in order, it was put into his hands; and he signified his acceptance thereof. Whereupon, The Rev'd Messrs. McIver, McIntosh, and Smith, were appointed a committee, to install The Rev'd Hector McLean, as Pastor of the congregation of Philadelphus, at their earliest convenience; and make report thereof, at the next stated Sessions.

Calls from the united congregations of The Bluff and China Grove, addressed to The Rev'd Evander McNair, were submitted to Presbytery; and, being read and found in order, they were put into his hands; and he signified his acceptance thereof. Whereupon, The Rev'd Messrs. Gilchrist, Colton, and McKay, were appointed a Committee to install The Rev'd Evander McNair, as Pastor of the United congregations of The Bluff and China Grove, at their earliest convenience; and make report thereof, at the next Stated Sessions.

A petition, from sundry individuals, residing within convenient distance of the Rock-fish Factory, praying for permission to be organized into a church, under the care of this Presbytery, was presented, and read; and, after some deliberation, it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted; and The Rev'd Messrs. Colton, Gilchrist, and McNeill, were appointed, to attend, at the place above-designated, on the 2nd Sabbath in December next; and carry into effect, the object of the petitioners, by organizing them into a church, to be, henceforth, known and designated, as "The Presbyterian church of Rock-fish Factory."

The Minutes of the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and a communication, addressed to this Presbytery, by a Committee of Church extension, appointed by the Board of Missions, were referred to The Rev'd Messrs. McIver and Munroe, who were directed to report thereon, during the present Sessions.

Mr. Hector McAllister, a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of this Presbytery, submitted an exegesis and a critical exercise, on the subjects assigned to him; which were referred to The Rev'd Messrs. McIntosh and McLaurin, who were directed to report thereon, with all practicable expedition.

A memorial, from the Presbytery of Georgia, on the subject of furnishing the coloured population with religious instruction, was submitted to Presbytery; and, being read, was referred to The Rev'd Messrs. Colton and Peacock, and Messrs. Watson and Johnston; with instruction to report thereon, during the present Sessions.

The Rev'd Simeon Colton, from the committee appointed to visit Davidson College, and examine into its state and concerns, exhibited a report, containing, in detail, the results of an extended inquiry and examination into the condition and prospects of that institution; which, being read, was accepted; and referred to The Rev'd Messrs. McIver and Peacock, and Messrs. Morison and McQueen, with instruction, to report, during the present Sessions, whether any, and if any, what action should be taken, by this Presbytery, for the further building up and sustaining of Davidson College.

Adjourned, to meet, at this place, on to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

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TUESDAY, 5th Nov., 1844.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment. Present as on yesterday. Opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Rev'd Messrs. McIntyre, Colton, McLean, McNeill, and McIntosh, assigned satisfactory reasons, for their absence from the last Stated Sessions of this Presbytery.

The committee appointed to draft a minute, expressive of the sense of this Presbytery, touching the recent afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence, which has taken away two members of this body, exhibited their draft of said minute; which, being read, was adopted; and is as follows; viz:

From intelligence communicated, Presbytery are called to the exercise of the mournful duty of recording the loss, by death, of two of their members; viz: The Rev'd Theophilus G. Potts, who departed this life, on the 24th of August, and The Rev'd Allan McDougald, who finished his course, on the 19th of October, 1844. Whereupon, *Resolved*,

1. That, while this Presbytery would, in all instances, bow, with humble and reverential submission, to the will of the Sovereign disposer of all events, who, in his wise and unerring Providence, has been pleased, from time to time, to visit them with breach upon breach, by removing, first one, and then another of their number, from his vineyard below, they would desire to improve these, and all similar dispensations of his Providence, as a loud call upon them, to be found ever at the post of duty; and to give all diligence, in their great work, before that night cometh wherein no man can work;—so that, when called to resign their earthly stewardship, they may be enabled to give up their account with joy, and to say, "Our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our consciences, that, in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but, by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world."

2. That, for the memory of their late venerable brother, The Rev'd Allan McDougald, with whom the Senior portion of this Presbytery have of-

ten taken sweet counsel, and walked affectionately and harmoniously in the house of God, this Presbytery do cherish sentiments and feelings of sincere respect and affection; and while they tenderly sympathize with his surviving children, it is their fervent prayer, that the family, thus bereaved, may enjoy the consolations of the gospel; and find, from happy experience, that THE LORD JEHOVAH is the GOD, in whom the Fatherless will find comfort.

3. That this Presbytery cherish, with affectionate regard, the memory of their brother, The Rev'd Theophilus G. Potts, thus early cut off from the labours of the Sanctuary; that they deeply sympathize with his surviving relatives; and fervently pray, that this bereavement, however grievous it may be, for the present, may, ultimately, be made productive, to them, of the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

4. That this Presbytery do view these dispensations of Divine Providence, as vacancies left in the church of Christ, which her glorious Head and Lawgiver alone can supply; and as furnishing Presbytery with additional and urgent cause, for importunately praying to the Lord of the Harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his Harvest.

During the last 31 years,—the period of our existence as a Presbytery,—but 14 deaths have occurred in the midst of us;—a rate, averaging not one in 2 years. This is a subject of devout gratitude to God, considering that Ministers are exposed to the same disadvantages of climate with others, as well as subject to the same infirmities of bodily constitution. But, while thus yielding fervent gratitude for God's sparing mercy, it becomes us to exercise a vigilant watchfulness over ourselves, lest we be tempted to regard such mercy as an inducement to relax our diligence, in our preparation for the most solemn of events: For, in such an hour as we think not, the summons will come to Christ's servants, even as unto others. Let us, therefore, work, while it is called to-day,—knowing, that he who soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

On inquiry, it was found, that those who had, at the last Stated Sessions, been appointed to supply vacant churches, had, in general, fulfilled their respective appointments.

Messrs. Alex'r Morison and James H. McQueen, were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and make report thereon, during the present Sessions.

The committee of supplies reported, that, on inquiry, they had found the prospects of all the vacant churches under the care of this Presbytery, so fair, for being regularly supplied, for some time to come, as not to require, at present, any special Presbyterial provision. This report was accepted; and the committee was discharged.

The Session of Tirza Church, being called on to say, how they had disposed of the case of discipline, to which the Presbytery, at their last Stated Sessions, had directed their attention, produced a transcript of their proceedings, in this case, which was ordered to be recorded; and is as follows; viz:

"TIRZA CHURCH, JULY 20th, 1844.

"Doctor John McKay respectfully obeyed the citation. The Session, after maturely considering the facts of the case, came to the conclusion of saying to Presbytery, in way of an award of judgment, what is contained in the following resolution.

"On motion, *Resolved,* That this Session respectfully say to Presbytery, that they are of the opinion, that, in obeying its mandate to deal with Doctor John McKay according to duty and discipline, they have done so, by saying, that they have no constitutional cognizance of the case, and ask to be discharged from any further action, in the case."

"A true extract from the minutes."

(Signed,) "ALEX'R MORISON, Stated Clerk.

To the preceding extract, was subjoined, the following entry; viz:

"JULY 20th, 1844.

"As a member of the Session in the minority, the undersigned recorded his formal dissent from the decision of the Session; and, with due deference to the better judgment of his brethren who acted in the majority, he would humbly complain to the Presbytery of Fayetteville; shewing that, in his opinion, the Session should have given judgment, in the case, after adjudicating it, upon its merits; or, have referred it to the Presbytery, for further adjudication, and final trial."

(Signed,) "ALEX'R MORISON."

On a review of the above record, Presbytery are of opinion, that the resolution adopted by the majority of that Session, contains, on the very face of it, a palpable absurdity; for, it amounts to a declaration, that they "*obey* the injunction of this Presbytery," by an act of *disobedience*. The plea urged in support of the said resolution, is, the want of jurisdiction over the case in hand. This plea, the Presbytery, without hesitation, pronounce to be groundless; inasmuch as the very injunction laid by the Presbytery upon the said Session, did give, to the said Session, jurisdiction thereof; and the said Session, under the circumstances of this case, could derive jurisdiction of it from no other source, than the authority and direction of this Presbytery. The Presbytery, therefore, cannot comply with the request of the said Session, to "discharge them from further action, in this case;" yet, while Presbytery, thus, frankly express their sentiments, touching the proceeding of the said Session, as above recorded, they are, at the same time, disposed, in the spirit of Christian charity, to put the most favourable construction on the conduct of the majority of the said Session, in this case, which that conduct will bear. Two facts, in relation to the conduct of these brethren, seem to afford some alleviation of their *apparent* (though, as the Presbytery hope, *unintentional*) act of disobedience. The first of these is, that they have declined to commission any of those who constituted the majority, in this case, to appear here, personally, and defend their resolution; and the other is, that the only Commissioner from said Session, who appears here, is the very man, who not only *opposed* and *voted against* their resolution, but also *protested* against it, and gave them due notice, that he would *complain* to this Presbytery, against the Session, for the adoption of the said resolution. From these two facts, the Presbytery charitably conclude, that the majority of the said Session, have, on reflection, abandoned their plea of want of jurisdiction. Therefore,

Resolved, That it be, and it hereby is, renewedly enjoined on the Session of Tirza Church, to take up the case herein referred to; to act upon it, *judicially;* and to deal with the accused person, according to duty and discipline.

And, inasmuch as the Minister now statedly officiating at Tirza Church, from motives of delicacy, has, from the beginning, declined all participation in the adjudication of this case, and still desires to stand aloof therefrom,—it is, hereby

Ordered, That the Rev'd Samuel Paisley, on as early a day as may be alike practicable and convenient for him, visit the Church of Tirza; convene the Session; preside, in said Session, during its necessary attention to this case; and afford the Session all needful assistance, from its commencement to its conclusion; and report the result, to this Presbytery, at its next Stated Sessions.

The Commissioners who represented this Presbytery in the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, made a report, which was accepted.

Presbytery being informed, that the necessary expenses of their Commissioners, in going to and returning from the last General Assembly, had exceeded the amount put into their hands for the purpose, it was

Ordered, That the Treasurer re-imburse the said Commissioners, out of any moneys now in his hands, belonging to the Commissioners' fund.

Mr. Arch'd Ray, a Ruling-Elder from the Mineral Spring Church, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat, as a member.

The united congregations of Buffaloe, Union, and Euphronia, having been cited to appear, by their Commissioner, at the present Sessions, to show cause, if any they could shew, why the existing Pastoral relation between them and The Rev'd Samuel Paisley should not be dissolved,—Mr. William Shaw appeared, as the Commissioner of the said congregations, and informed Presbytery, that the congregation of Buffaloe had expressed their consent to the proposed dissolution; but, that the congregations of Union and Euphronia were unwilling that it should take place, so far as they are concerned therein. Presbytery heard Mr. Paisley, in reference to the grievances under which he has heretofore laboured, in said congregations, and the hope he now entertains of their removal, to some extent; and after some deliberation, it was

Resolved, 1. That the Pastoral relation now existing between The Rev'd Samuel Paisley and the united congregations of Union and Euphronia, continue, undisturbed;—and 2., that, when the congregation of Buffaloe shall have fulfilled their engagements to their Pastor, in reference to his temporal support, the existing Pastoral relation between the Rev'd Samuel Paisley and that congregation, agreeably to their expressed consent, shall be dissolved.

Presbytery took up the Memorial addressed to them, at their last Stated Sessions, by The Rev'd Arch'd McQueen, praying for restoration to the privileges of the church, and to the exercise of the gospel Ministry; and, after spending some time in deliberation thereon, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That the prayer of the said memorial be not granted. Whereupon, notice was given to the Presbytery, on behalf of Mr. McQueen, of his intention to complain of this refusal, to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church;—anticipating the permission of Presbytery, to pass over the Synod of North Carolina;—which permission was readily granted.

The committee to whom the exegesis and critical exercise of Mr. McAllister had been referred, reported, and recommended, that both these compositions be sustained, as parts of trial, which was accordingly done.

Mr. McAllister delivered a lecture, and a popular sermon, on the subjects assigned to him by Presbytery, both of which were sustained, as parts of trial, previous to licensure.

The Rev'd Messrs. Gilchrist, Baker, and Shaw, and Messrs. Barge, Beatty, and McDonald, obtained leave of absence, until to-morrow.

Messrs. Duncan McNeill, Alex'r Johnston, Duncan Campbell, Alex'r Watson, Daniel Bain, George Ballentine, Alex'r Morison, and James H. McQueen, obtained leave of absence, during the remainder of the present Sessions.

Mr. George McIntosh was admitted to a seat in Presbytery, in the room of of Mr. James H. McQueen, as a Ruling-Elder of the Church of Laurel-Hill.

Adjourned, to meet, in the Session-Room of the Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, on to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M. Closed with prayer.

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SESSION ROOM OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
FAYETTEVILLE, WEDNESDAY, 6th Nov., 1844.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment. Present as on yesterday. Opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Messrs. Alex'r Morison and James H. McQueen having been appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts and make report thereon, and it having become necessary for them, before meeting with any opportunity of performing those duties, to ask and obtain leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Presbytery, Messrs. Barge and Beatty were, therefore, appointed to attend to the duties which had been assigned to the above-named brethren.

The Rev'd Joseph Mahon, a member of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, being present, was invited to sit, with this Presbytery, as a corresponding member.

The following resolution was submitted; and, being read and considered, was adopted; viz:

Resolved, That the Minutes of this Presbytery, hereafter, be published, in pamphlet-form; and that a sufficient number of copies thereof be printed, to furnish each Minister with a copy, and also to supply all the Eldership connected with the Presbytery, each with a copy.

The Rev'd Adam Gilchrist, and Messrs. Barge and Martine, were appointed a Committee to carry the above resolution into effect, in reference to the Minutes of the present Sessions.

The Committee, to whom the report respecting the condition and prospects of Davidson College had been referred, exhibited their report; which, being read and considered, was re-committed to the same committee; and The Rev'd Simeon Colton was added to the committee.

Presbytery examined Mr. McAllister, on Theology, natural and revealed; on Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments, and Church-Government; and his examination, on all these subjects, was sustained, as parts of trial, previous to licensure.

Mr. McAllister, having passed through all his appointed preparatory trials, with approbation, Presbytery proceeded to license him, to preach the gospel, in the manner prescribed in chapter XIV, Sections VII, and VIII, of the Form of Government of our church; and the following record of this transaction, was ordered to be made; viz:

"At Fayetteville, on Wednesday the 6th day of November, A. D. 1844, The Presbytery of Fayetteville, having received testimonials in favour of Mr. Hector McAllister, of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character; and of his being in the communion of the church: proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in Divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial: And he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do license him, the said Mr. Hector McAllister, to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called."

Ordered, That Mr. Hector McAllister be duly furnished with an authenticated transcript of the foregoing record.

The Rev'd William Brobston appeared in Presbytery; and, having assigned satisfactory reasons for his absence from the preceding part of the present Sessions, took his seat.

The Stated Clerk produced a Report to the Synod of North Carolina; which, being read, was adopted; and is as follows; viz.:

"The Presbytery of Fayetteville report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of twenty ministers; and have, under their care, forty-five congregations, five licentiates, and seven candidates;—that, on the 13th of April, 1844, they licensed Messrs. Angus C. McNeill, Andrew McMillan, and Peter McNab, to preach the gospel;—that, on the 24th of August, 1844, they lost, by death, The Rev'd Theophilus G. Potts;—that, on the 19th of October, 1844, they lost, by death, The Rev'd Allan McDougald; and that, on this, the 6th of November, 1844, they licensed Mr. Hector McAllister, to preach the gospel."

"By order of the Presbytery."
(Signed,) "COLIN McIVER, Stated Clerk."
"Fayetteville, 6th Nov'r., 1844."

Ordered, That an authenticated transcript of the foregoing report, be duly submitted to the Synod of N. Carolina, to convene, this evening, in this place.

The Rev'd William I. Langdon, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an Agent for the American Bible Society, and for the Bible Society of North Carolina, was, by invitation, heard before the Presbytery, on the subject of his Agency. Whereupon, the following resolutions were adopted; viz:

Resolved, 1. That this Presbytery will cheerfully unite with the Bible Society of North Carolina, in the necessary efforts for establishing a Depository for Bibles within our bounds, by causing collections to be made, for this purpose, in as short a time as possible, in our several congregations; and forward said collections, when made, to William Hill, Esq., Treasurer of the Bible Society of North Carolina: And,

2. That the amount, thus collected, be divided, for the purpose of sustaining the depository, and likewise, of distributing the scriptures, within our bounds.

Adjourned, to meet, at this place, at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer.

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THURSDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 1844,—7 o'clock, P. M.

According to adjournment, Presbytery met, at the call of the Moderator. Opened with prayer. Present as on yesterday, with the addition of The Rev'd Neill McKay, who assigned a satisfactory reason for his absence from the preceding part of the present Sessions, and then took his seat.

Calls from the united congregations of Sardis and Tirza, addressed to The Rev'd Neill McKay, were submitted to Presbytery, and read; and being found in order, were tendered to Mr. McKay, and by him rejected.

Application was made to Presbytery, on behalf of a church recently organized by The Rev'd Colin Shaw, in the County of Sampson, to be received, as one of the churches of this Presbytery. After some deliberation, Presbytery agreed to receive the said church, agreeably to their request; to be, henceforth, known as the "Six-runs' Church."

The Rev'd Colin Shaw made application to Presbytery, to be released from the Pastoral charge of the congregation of Black-river. Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said congregation be, and they hereby are, cited, to appear, by their Commissioner, before this Presbytery, at its next Stated Sessions, to shew cause, if any they can shew, why the relation now subsisting between the said congregation and The Rev'd Colin Shaw, should not be dissolved.

It being represented to Presbytery, that Mr. Neill McDonald, a Candidate for the gospel ministry, now prosecuting his studies at the Union Theological Seminary, was in need of pecuniary aid, to sustain him in that institution, it was

Ordered, That the Treasurer remit to Mr. McDonald, with all convenient expedition, the amount now in his hands, belonging to the Education fund.

Mr. Alex'r Morison, who had been appointed to collect the contingent fund, having had no opportunity of making a report, left, in the hands of The Rev'd Colin McIver, the sum of $17 60 cents, which was, by Mr. McIver, handed over to the Treasurer.

The committee to whom the Treasurer's accounts had been referred, reported, that they had found the said accounts accurately kept, and agreeing with the vouchers; and recommended, that Presbytery approve thereof. In this report, Presbytery concurred; and the Treasurer's accounts were accordingly approved.

The committee, to whom the Memorial from the Presbytery of Georgia, on the subject of furnishing the coloured population with religious instruction, had been referred, exhibited their report; which, being read and considered, was adopted; and is as follows; viz.:

"Having long been impressed with the importance of providing more efficient means of furnishing religious instruction to this portion of our population, your committee are prepared to say, that they think, the Presbytery should regard this communication, as a document that demands their serious attention. They think the plan of enlisting the Board of Domestic Missions in this good work, will operate favourably, in many places; and yet, they have doubts, whether the interference of the Board, in every place, would be acceptable.

"On the whole, the Committee think, that something ought to be done among us, on the great subject presented in this memorial; and beg leave to recommend, that a committee be appointed, to take up the whole subject; and report, what they think ought to be done, at the next Stated Sessions of this Presbytery."

"Respectfully submitted."

(Signed,) "SIMEON COLTON,
"WM. N. PEACOCK,
"ALEX'R WATSON,
"ALEX'R JOHNSTON. } Committee."

Agreeably to the recommendation contained in the conclusion of the above report, the more particular consideration of the subject therein embraced, was referred to The Rev'd Messrs. Colton, Peacock, and McKay; and Messrs. Hayes W. Beatty, and Henry Elliott, to report, at large, on this subject, to Presbytery, at its next Stated Sessions. And, to the end, that the duties appertaining to this subject might not, in the interim, be neglected, Presbytery, further,

Resolved, That the coloured population, belonging to the families composing our several congregations, excepting only those who are regular members of churches of other denominations, are regarded, by this Presbytery, as constituting part and parcel of their Pastoral charges; and it is, therefore, enjoined on each Minister belonging to this Presbytery, to be faithful, in the discharge of all the duties, growing out of this relation.

The committee to whom the printed minutes of the last General Assembly, and the communication, addressed to this Presbytery, by a committee of church-extension appointed by the Board of Missions, had been referred, exhibited their report; which was accepted, and is as follows; viz.:

"Your committee, having carefully examined the printed minutes of the last General Assembly, referred to them, beg leave to report, that they find nothing in the said Minutes which appear to them to require the attention of this Presbytery, except the proceedings of the Assembly respecting the two questions, which have been under discussion for the last two years, in reference to Ruling-Elders, as contained in Pages 370 and 371, of said minutes; and the proceedings of the Assembly, on the subject of Church-extension, as contained in Pages 374 and 375, of said minutes, and further commended to the attention of the churches, in the communication from a Committee of the Board of Missions, referred to your committee. For a reason which need not be stated in this report, your committee are contented, to bring both these subjects to the notice of the Presbytery, without suggesting or proposing any particular method of disposing of either subject."

"Respectfully submitted."

(Signed,) "COLIN McIVER,
"HUGH A. MUNROE. } Committee."

After some deliberation, it was *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this

Presbytery, it is inexpedient, to take any action, at present, on either of the subjects brought to view in the above report.

The Rev'd Adam Gilchrist, not being prepared to fulfill the appointment of Presbytery, to preach, on the relation of baptized children to the church, and the duty which the church owes to them, arising from that relation, it was

Resolved, That the same appointment be, and it hereby is renewed; to be fulfilled, at the next Stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned, to meet, at this place, at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer.

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FRIDAY, 8th November, 1844,—7 o'clock, P. M.

According to adjournment, Presbytery met, at the call of the Moderator. Present as on last evening. Opened with prayer.

Mr. Henry Elliott, a Ruling-Elder from Sardis church, and Mr. Charles Shaw, a Ruling-Elder from Bethesda church, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats, as members.

The Rev'd Neill McKay, who had, on last evening, rejected the calls of the united congregations of Sardis and Tirza, informed Presbytery, that, in consequence of information which he had since received, he was now disposed to change his decision, in reference to Sardis church. Whereupon, Presbytery ordered the call from the congregation of Sardis to be put into his hands; and he signified his acceptance thereof; and The Rev'd Messrs. McIver, Colton, and McNair, were appointed a Committee to install The Rev'd Neill McKay, as Pastor of the congregation of Sardis, at their earliest convenience; and make report thereof, at the next Stated Sessions.

The committee appointed, at the last Stated Sessions, to correspond with Mr. Daniel B. Currie, informed Presbytery, that circumstances beyond their control had prevented them from attending to that duty; and added, that information recently received, directly from Mr. Currie himself, obviated the necessity of the correspondence which had been contemplated. Whereupon, the committee was discharged; and Presbytery, having, thus, ascertained the fact, that Mr. Currie, in consequence of declining health, had relinquished his intention of seeking the Ministerial office, it was *Ordered,* That Mr. Currie's name be stricken off from the list of Candidates, under the care of this Presbytery.

Presbytery, understanding, that The Rev'd Evander McNair has, in contemplation, an early excursion into the State of Alabama, and may have an opportunity of seeing Mr. Jenkins, who, formerly, had the Ministry in view; but has, since, relinquished its pursuit; it was *Resolved,* That Mr. McNair be, and he hereby is requested, to seek an interview with Mr. Jenkins, and urge upon him the propriety of refunding the money that was advanced to him, by the General Assembly's Board of Education, some years ago.

The committee to whom the report respecting the condition and prospects of Davidson College had been re-committed, exhibited their report; which, being read, considered, and amended, was adopted; and is as follows; viz. :

"Your committee, having carefully examined the document referred to them, and having subjected it to a few amendments and modifications, beg leave, respectfully, to recommend to Presbytery, the adoption of the following resolutions; viz.:

"1. *Resolved*, That the said document, as thus amended, be, and it hereby is, adopted.

"2. *Resolved*, That 500 copies thereof, be published, in pamphlet form.

"3. *Resolved*, That the object of endowing a Professorship in Davidson College, be specially commended, to the prayers, and the benevolent contributions of our people.

"4. *Resolved*, That, should the Trustees of said College appoint a suitable Agent, at a proper time, with a view to the accomplishment of this object, such Agent shall receive a cordial welcome to the pulpits of the members of this Presbytery, and all the encouragement and assistance that it may be in their power to extend to him, in his efforts to obtain the necessary funds, for the endowment of the contemplated Professorship.

"Respectfully submitted."
"COLIN McIVER, Chairman of the Committee."

[The document referred to in the preceding report, is hereto appended.]

Adjourned, to meet, at this place, at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer.

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SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, 1844,—9 o'clock, P. M.

According to adjournment, Presbytery met, at the call of the Moderator. Present, as on last evening, except The Rev'd Neill McKay, who is understood to have returned home, this morning, in consequence of sickness in his family. Opened with prayer.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery be given to the families composing the congregation of Galatia, for their kindness and hospitality to its members, while engaged in the transaction of Ecclesiastical business, in said church.

The night being far spent before the adjournment of Synod; and it being inconvenient, at this late hour, to enter on any business requiring deliberation, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the few items of unfinished business remaining on the docket, be postponed, until the next Stated Sessions.

Adjourned, to meet, at St. Paul's church, in the County of Robeson, and State of North Carolina, on Thursday, the 3rd of April, 1845, at 12 o'clock, M.

Concluded with prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

A REPORT

OF A

COMMITTEE OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE,

ON THE

CONDITION AND PROSPECTS

OF

DAVIDSON COLLEGE;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

RESOLUTIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY,

TOUCHING THE SUBJECT MATTER

OF THE REPORT.

FAYETTEVILLE:
PRINTED BY EDWARD J. HALE.
1845.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY.

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2. ***Resolved,*** That 500 copies thereof, be published, in pamphlet form.

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REPORT.

The committee appointed by the Presbytery, to visit Davidson College, and make inquiry concerning its condition and prospects, ask leave to present the following report.

As the object of the Presbytery, in making the inquiry concerning Davidson College, is connected with all the movements within the State, on the subject of Education, your committee have thought it expedient, to extend their remarks, so as to embrace an inquiry respecting the expediency of establishing, in North Carolina, Colleges, in addition to the University. In proceeding to their subject, your committee deem it not irrelevant to remark, that the importance of an extended and liberal provision for the education of the young, is too generally admitted, to require an argument in its defence. Whether we consider it, in connexion with the stability and perpetuity of our political institutions, or with the well being of society, or with individual comfort, such a provision is equally important.

The framers of our State Constitution, under an impression of the importance of providing means for educating the young, thought it not enough to leave the business to the contingency of future legislation; but made it a constituent part of the fundamental law of the State, that an University should be established and fostered. Their views, however, seem not to have reached beyond the establishment of a single institution. Their calculations were based on the then existing state of things. The State had not, previous to that time, enjoyed the privilege of a durable College; and there had been no opportunity of obtaining a liberal education, except at a great expense, such as few of the people could afford. Consequently, few had obtained a liberal education; and because few had been thus educated, the number to be educated, it was supposed, would be comparatively small; and, of course, it was thought, that one institution would be sufficient for the whole State. No adequate calculation seems to have been made for the great increase of population, that, in process of time, would spread itself over the wide extended territory, then a wilderness, but now become a fruitful field. The condition of the State, since the introduction of the article upon the University into the Constitution, has been materially changed. There is the same land; but the wilderness teems with an extensive population, which has reached into remote parts, that then were scarcely known.

The State of North Carolina covers an extent of territory, of not less than Forty-eight thousand square miles. In its extreme length, it is not less than Four hundred and thirty miles; and in breadth, a hundred and eighty. It embraces a population of more than Seven hundred and thirty-five thousand inhabitants; of which number, at least five hundred thousand are white; interested in, and requiring suitable Schools for education. For this population, we had, till recently, but one College. The average number of persons, graduated at this institution, annually, will not, it is believed, reach forty; but we will suppose that to be the true number. Some young men, we admit, have gone, from this State, to other institutions, for education; but, the number has, probably, never exceeded that of those, who have come from other States to be educated in this. Since the establishment of Wake Forest, and Davidson Colleges, the number of the graduated, within the State, has somewhat increased. Still, it is believed, the average annual number, does not exceed fifty. Taking this as the true average, we have one graduate to ten thousand inhabitants;—a proportion, small indeed, considering the amount of population; and a proportion that shews, in no equivocal light, the estimate put upon Classical Education among us. In the State of Connecticut, the number of young men graduated at her Colleges, for a few years past, has been as one to twenty-four hundred of the number of inhabitants. In the same ratio, we should have, annually, about two hundred. Taking the New-England States together, the ratio of young men, graduated at the different Colleges, is, to the whole population, as one to five thousand. The number of persons in the process of education, at the different Colleges in Massachusetts, is, as one to fourteen hundred of the population: In Connecticut,—one to six hundred: In North Carolina, One to four thousand. Adopting the ratio of the last mentioned State, we should have, in the process of College Education, not less than eight hundred and thirty; or, taking the ratio of the other mentioned State, we should have, at least, three hundred and fifty.

In Connecticut, more are, probably, in the course of education, than the State itself furnishes: In Massachusetts, less. What number of those, graduated at our University, and other Colleges, are educated in reference to the gospel Ministry, is not easy to determine: Probably, however, three, Annually, would be a high estimate; while, at some of the Colleges in New-England, one third of the class have this object in view; and, in all, the proportion is large.

If, then, public education is to be as well proportioned to the population, as in those parts of the country that have been mentioned, it seems to be almost a matter of necessity, that there should be more than one or two Colleges within our borders. Massachusetts, with the same numerical population as this State contains, has three Colleges; Connecticut, with a population of Three hundred thousand, has three also: Vermont has two; while we, with a nearly three-fold population, have, till recently, had but one.

What the effect on the community would be, were as large a number to go forth, annually, from our Colleges, as in those Northern States mentioned, experience only could determine. Certain it is, however, that the influence of such a body of young men, could not be otherwise than great. But, a single institution, especially if situated as our University is, at a remote distance from the extreme parts of the State, could not, without vast expense, become adequate to the education of such a number.

The probable effect of an increased number of Colleges upon the literature and educational concerns of the State, is not to be overlooked, in making up an opinion, on this subject.

Experience has shewn, that, wherever the means of education have been enlarged, there has been a proportionate increase of educated men.

As literary institutions, in their various grades, have been multiplied, so have the numbers of those that resort to them, been increased. In every State of the Union, as primary schools have been established and extended, an increasing attention has been given to elementary education. The multiplication of primary schools, has prepared the way for, and occasioned an increase in the number of intermediate schools. These, in their turn, have called for an additional number of Colleges. Every stage, in the improvement of primary schools, has called for a corresponding improvement in the higher institutions; so that, there has been an advance, in both their number and character.

The correctness of this remark must be obvious to every one, who has watched the progress of things, in our Country. In North Carolina, as less has been done for the primary schools, so there has been less occasion for the establishment of the higher institutions. The efforts now making for the establishment and improvement of primary schools, will, however, if successful, soon prepare the way for the enlargement of the number of higher institutions. An impulse will proceed from these elementary schools, in every department of education. Already, a redeeming spirit has been aroused; and, when a better acquaintance with the workings of the system shall have carried it forward to greater perfection, an influence will, of course, reach to the higher branches of learning.

The sure and certain consequence of the general diffusion of elementary knowledge, is, a demand for higher attainments. Intermediate schools will, therefore increase in number, and improve in character; and the demand for an increased provision, in Colleges, will follow. Greater numbers will be educated, because there will be a call for the services of more, in teaching, and in the learned professions; while many, who expect to retire into private life after having passed through College, will aspire after an education, in order to fit them to hold a better rank, and enable them to gain a greater influence, in an improved state of society.

On the supposition, then, that our system of primary schools is to prosper, it is easy to perceive, that there must be, in some way, an extended provision for higher institutions. There must be an onward movement, in all the machinery of education. If one part be clogged, the motion of every other part will be obstructed; and if one part be made to move with accelerated velocity, a corresponding impulse must be given to the other.

But, further, while, from the primary schools, there is an upward influence upon the higher institutions; there will be a corresponding influence downwards, from the higher to the lower. The greater the number of those who have gained an extended education, and the more complete this education is, so much the more extensive and salutary will be the influence sent down upon the lower institutions of learning. The number of competent teachers, will, thus, be increased; and the half-educated, will be compelled to give place to those, who are better prepared, and can perform their work, in a better manner. They, too, who, after having completed their College course, retire into private life, will scatter about them, a wider and more savoury influence, that will extend itself, not only to the schools, but to the improvement of the public taste, and the general benefit of society. Thus, there will be an action, and a re-action, from the one class of institutions to the other. The lower, will become a stimulous to the higher; and the higher will send back an influence, and give a finish to the lower.

Inasmuch, then, as an increase of educated men is desirable, so, we ought to wish, that the means of education should be extended. Confined to one College, the number of the educated, in proportion to the population, will be comparatively small. Distance of place, difficulty of access, and the greatness of expense, will deter some. An object at a distance, unless of uncommon brilliancy, is lost sight of, in the distance; while, even an object of inferior excellence, engages our attention, because of its nearness.

Further: Experience has fully shown, that a great number of students, scattered in different institutions, are likely to do better, to become more thorough scholars, and, ultimately, more useful men, than when congregated, for education, in one. Should the time come, when the proportion of young men in the process of education in North Carolina, shall equal that of some of the more favoured States of New-England, it will be far from being desirable, that all should be congregated in one place.

We regard, therefore, the establishment of new Colleges, in this State, as by no means to be deprecated. We believe the effect on the literature of the State, and on all the minor educational operations, will be salutary; and that the good of the community will be materially promoted. Indeed, we believe, that such a measure is intimately connected with our prosperity, and with our reputation, as well as with the success of the exertions that have been commenced, in relation to elementary education.

Nor need we fear, that the establishment of other institutions will be detrimental to the University. We fully believe, that, instead of becoming an injury, they would rather become an occasion of good. The experience of other sections of the Country removes every ground of fear, and completely refutes all objections, on this point. When Amherst College was established, it was predicted, that Williams' College would be injured, if not ruined. Time has shown, that both can live; and that both can flourish. The establishment of Amherst, of Washington at Hartford, and of the Wesleyan College at Middletown, it was thought, would materially injure Yale: Yet, Yale has never been so prosperous, as since these institutions were established. Our University, in like manner, we apprehend, instead of being injured, would be benefitted, by the establishment of one or more Colleges, within the State. Whatever will advance the literary character of the State, will add to the importance and influence of the University. Its friends will become more watchful, and more active; and will do more for its good. Its own literary character will be advanced, by the stimulus of other institutions. If the standard of scholarship, and the discipline of the other, be high, an unwillingness to be outdone, will give an impulse to this. Suppose, that, instead of the fifty young men who now go, annually, from all our Colleges, there were four times that number going out, to scatter a wholesome influence through society, who cannot see, that immense results would follow? Even allowing, that many of these went abroad for employment; yet, the portion that remained, above the present number, would materially change the face of society. We are well aware, that some may be disposed to ask, where such a number as is contemplated can find employment? We are looking forward to a time, when the condition of things, in our State, will be materially changed. We suppose, that, in the various departments of society, there will be an increasing demand for educated men; and that the demand and the supply will be commensurate. The influence, upward and downward, will be mutual. Were the change to be effected at once,—were the full quota, according to the ratio mentioned, to be sent out immediately into the State, the supply might be found greater than the demand. But, we are supposing a gradual improvement in our condition; and that, as the demand for educated men increases, a train of means, adequate to the supply, will be put in operation. Colleges are not brought to perfection, in a day, or a year. They commonly spring from small beginnings; and grow up with the growth and demands of society. They are first to be planted; and, we apprehend, that, already, such a state of things exists among us as calls for the commencement of the work.

There are other arguments which serve to confirm the opinion we have given. The University has now as many students as its buildings can well accommodate. The number of students, too, is about as large as it is expedient to congregate at one place for education, especially when surrounded by a population that receives an influence from, rather than gives an influence to the institution.

But there are still other arguments that deserve attention. A single fountain may send forth a valuable stream; but gentle rivulets, flowing from many fountains, are more effectual, to refresh and fertilize a country.

The University is an institution that deserves the patronage of the public. But, it is a single fountain, amid a wide-spread extent of territory. Other institutions, though they may not equal this in extent of means, or in the measure of influence, may, yet, like smaller fountains, do much, to spread a refreshing influence through the community. Places too remote from the University to feel its influence, would be so affected, that, instead of one central point, to which all must look, there would be other points of local attraction. While we speak of Colleges that may be inferior to the University, we would, by no means, be understood to be the advocates of a superficial education; nor, for the sake of making education cheaper, would we recommend, that it should be less thorough. Education can never be too thorough, or extensive. Admit, then, that, for a time, newly established institutions may stand in a rank below the University, shall we say, that nothing ought to be done, because perfection cannot, at once, be attained? If it be desirable to increase the number of educated men, it is certainly desirable, that such adequate institutions should be established as will secure easy access, and be likely to attract numbers to their privileges. Even inferior advantages, are, sometimes, to be tolerated, if pecuniary considerations forbid that better can be had. In such a country as ours, men of different grades of intellectual culture are needed, to fill the different stations in society. Every educated man is not expected to be a Newton; nor do the wants of society require, that every man, to be useful, should be of such gigantic stature. Men of humble attainments may be as useful, and do as much to diffuse a savoury influence through society, as they who can measure the comet's flight, or open the storehouse of nature, and disclose her hidden treasures. But, further: Colleges do not make men. However well endowed, however abundant in their means, and however well qualified the teachers may be, it does not follow, that all the students will attain to great eminence in scholarship; or, that they will all rise, to a superiority over those who enjoy inferior privileges. Nay, it often happens, in opposition to this, that, where the advantages have been best, the amount of study has been less; because the student, relying upon the superiority of his privileges, neglects to apply himself;—so that a student, in what is considered an inferior institution, has often out-done another, whose advantages have been far superior; for the plain reason, that, knowing his privileges to be inferior, he makes up the deficiency, by industry and self-application. It is self-application that makes the scholar; and, wherever correct habits of application are best formed, wherever the mind is best trained to think, act, and depend on itself, there, the best education is obtained. In new institutions, that are struggling to form a character, a strictness of discipline, and a rigour of principle, such as are not found in older institutions, are often seen. Often, too, it happens, that, while older and more noted institutions are filled by the sons of the wealthy, who deem close application a burden, other, and younger, and, perhaps, inferior institutions, are filled, chiefly, with those, who, having no other resource, from which to draw a future support, than their education, by industriously improving their time, acquire a control over themselves, accumulate a stock of knowledge, and, on going out into society, rise to the first places of public esteem. Within the compass of the last half-century, the means and helps to an education have been greatly increased; but, it is much to be questioned, whether a greater proportion of those, who have gone out from our Colleges, within that period, have laid a foundation for greater usefulness, than in the preceding period. They have, it is true, acquired a knowledge of many things before unknown; but, that they have been distinguished for a greater depth of thought, or have become prepared for greater usefulness in society, may be questioned. Grant, then, that, for years, a newly established College may not equal the University, it may yet fit men to act well their part in life. It may raise up useful men;—thinking men;—men trained to habits of self-application; and men, that will go forth into the world, to become the instruments of much good. We regard, therefore, the establishment of Colleges, in addition to the University, among the most important means of promoting the public welfare.

There is another reason that may be offered, for the establishment of another College. It relates to the training of men for the gospel ministry. How are the churches to be supplied with educated men, as religious teachers? The number of Clergymen, who have been educated at the University, forms but a small portion, even of the few educated Ministers now living in the State. What number may, in former years, have annually gone forth from her walls, to enter the sacred office, we have no means of knowing; but, the average number, during the last ten years, it is believed, will not exceed three. If this be a fair ratio, the question may well be asked,—How are the churches to be supplied? Will it be said,—"Send your young men to the University, and let them be educated for the purpose"?—It is not our province to find fault with the University; nor have we a desire so to do. For the purposes for which it was intended, it is a valuable institution; but, to make provision for the education of young men for the Ministry, formed no particular part of the arrangements of its projectors. Their object was general. Young men were to be liberally educated, in literature and science, without any particular reference to occupation. The influences that, at present, cluster around the institution, partake little of a ministerial character. The Board of Trustees has been confined, from the first, almost exclusively, to Civilians. It includes, at present, but one clergyman. A large portion of the students, have either retired into private life, or entered the Medical or Legal profession. The tone of feeling that now pervades the institution, is connected with these professions. A large portion, through the facilities presented for that purpose, are, at this time, looking forward to the profession of law. Their thoughts, their anticipations, their calculations, turn upon this; and their course of studies, in the closing year, in particular, favours these views.

All this is well: yet, these influences are unfavourable to an education for the gospel ministry. The tone of piety, under such circumstances, is not likely to be very elevated. The associations that gather around the Student, are not such as are calculated to keep alive the flame of devotion. Where little is said of religion, and where the popular topics of discussion are diverse from this, it is not easy to keep the mind in that frame, which is necessary to him, who is looking forward to the sacred Ministry. A young man, who has that profession in view, needs all the helps which can be gathered around him, to prepare his mind for the work. He needs the stimulus of associates, who have the same object in view. The associations that cluster around him, should, as much as possible, be such as to beget increased seriousness of thought, greater devotion, and a growing attachment to every thing appertaining to his contemplated profession. This is not likely to be found, where the Ministry is excluded from a proportionate share in the management of the institution. Civilians, however upright and worthy, in their place, cannot be supposed to enter, deeply, into those things which concern the Ministry. Nor will the Ministry be likely to take a deep interest in an institution, where men of their profession are, generally, excluded from a share in its management. We say not this, to find fault with the course pursued. The State has an undoubted right, to appoint whom it pleases, to the Office of Trust. But, the exclusion of the Clergy, can hardly fail to prevent them from taking an active part in favour of the University. And, where the Clergy do not feel an interest, it is hardly to be expected, that young men, having the Ministry in view, will resort, for education. Let it not, then, be thought strange, when we say, that the University, under its present arrangement, and under a continuance of present circumstances, is not likely to become a place, where many young men, having the Ministry in view, will resort, for education. An institution, where education, for this purpose, shall be made a more direct object of attention, is, therefore, to be desired.

But, further: We receive it as a settled truth, that no literary institution can long continue to flourish, where a direct religious influence does not prevail. The more decided and extensive this religious influence is, the better is the prospect, that the institution will be durable and useful. Where the Officers partake much of the spirit of religion; where they perform their duties under a deep and ever-prevailing sense of responsibility to God;—there, religious instruction will be most faithfully given; there, the students are most likely to be affected with truth; and there, the greatest amount of perceptible good, in education, is usually found.

An institution may be established for scientific and literary purposes alone. In such a case, religion, in every shape and form, may be excluded. But, that it will long continue to flourish, is a position, by no means certain. In an institution established by a State, and which is the common property of all, no exclusive privileges can be given. To countenance any religious instruction, is to give a preference to what is peculiar. Religious instruction, then, if admitted at all, must be admitted, by courtesy; or at the expense, and in violation of chartered rights. Admitted by courtesy, the influence the instruction is designed to give, must, in a great measure, be neutralized, through fear that some may take offence, on account of a supposed invasion of their rights. It must be dealt out in such general terms, and spread out into such a broad extent, as to appear of little importance whether received or not. It is only when truth is directed to some particular point, that its influence on the mind is felt. Religion, and religious instruction, admitted into a literary institution by courtesy, must always be tame; and, in a great measure, inoperative in its effects. It will be endured, only while it is regulated by the same courtesy by which it was admitted. While it leaves the conscience undisturbed and while general faults only are reproved, and that in general terms, it will be allowed to remain without declared opposition; but when religion sets up a distinctive claim to attention; when it demands a separation from the fashionable customs of the world, and administers unequivocal reproof for particular faults, then, it becomes an unwelcome intruder; and, if its rights are not made an inherent part of the institution, it will be ejected.

In a State institution, the influence of religion must be comparatively small; for the obvious reason, that, to become prominent, it must assume a sectarian aspect. Motives, and arguments, drawn from other sources, must be substituted, to produce an influence on the youthful mind. Appeals must be made to worldly principles, to stimulate to diligence, and secure obedience to wholesome regulations. Instead of arguments drawn from the retributions of a future world, the rules of decorum, present and future reputation, and the good opinion of men, form the sources, from which alone, arguments can be drawn, to influence the conduct, and assist in moulding the character, for its future condition. State influence,—the disapprobation, on the one hand, and the applause, on the other, of public men;—and the hope of future renown, must furnish the motives to stimulate, rather than a solemn responsibility to God, as accountable beings.

In an institution thus fettered, religious instruction can never assume that bold and dignified aspect, so essential to its true character. Motives, and arguments, drawn from the maxims and principles of the world, even in their best form, must and always will be feeble, compared with those, drawn from the high principles, sanctioned by the Eternal Being. No code of moral duties will be effectual to restrain from vice, which is not given forth, from the High Court of Heaven; and is not enforced, by the rewards and penalties of another world. Such a code requires all the sanctions of religion; and can never be well understood, or well appreciated, except where religious instruction is untrammelled; and stands forth, in all the dignity and majesty of its divine original. It is not enough that it be admitted by courtesy; or that its existence be merely tolerated: It must assume a bolder aspect; and instead of being dictated to, it must be allowed to dictate freely, both what shall be done and what shall be avoided. Such a license can hardly be expected, in an institution, which claims a like indulgence for the Infidel and the Christian; and equal liberty for him who believes that every sect is equally good, and him who believes that his own only can be right.

Having, thus, given our opinion of the importance of a direct religious influence, in a literary institution, both as relates to the education of young men for the Ministry, and to the general success of the students; and having also expressed our opinion of the benefit to be derived to the community from the establishment of other Colleges in addition to the University, we now proceed, more directly, to the immediate object of our appointment; viz: to inquire, Whether Davidson College be such an institution as may answer the purpose required; and whether it be such as ought to be encouraged?

In commencing our survey, it may not be improper to remark, that the object of the founders of this institution was not merely to build up a Presbyterian College; but, to provide an institution, where religious instruction should not be left to the contingency of chance, or be dependent on courtesy for permission to be given; but should form a constituent part of a system of education; so that its influence should be brought to bear directly upon the mind, during the whole course of study. They felt, as all good men should feel, that religious instruction should not be thrown into the back ground; or occupy a second place, in the scale of importance. They felt, as the Fathers and founders of our best institutions felt, that a provision made for education, without the accompaniment of religious instruction, would be but to expose the young to scepticism and infidelity. They regarded the prevalence of a religious influence, in a literary institution, as necessary, not only for giving a greater efficiency to discipline, but also for laying the foundation for a greater elevation of character; and for preparing young men to exert a more salutary influence, when they go out to take a part in the concerns of society. These impressions were deeply in-wrought in the minds of the Founders of this Institution; and exerted a powerful influence over all their operations. That other reasons were mingled with these, is true. One object with them, was, to build an institution, where young men, whose means were limited, might obtain a good education. A College, situated amid a dense population, consisting, mostly, of men engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in moderate circumstances, they supposed, would so attract attention, by its proximity, as to draw numbers within its reach, who, otherwise, would remain without a public education.

Another and prominent object with them, was, to provide a place, where young men, looking forward to the gospel ministry, might obtain an education, under an influence, and in connexion with circumstances, adapted to their contemplated profession. Few among the sons of the wealthy look to the Ministry for employment; while such as are willing to devote themselves to this calling, are rarely able to meet the out-lays required in our more expensive institutions. To provide a place for the education of such, was, therefore, in their judgment, an important object, as connected with the perpetuity of the Christian Ministry.

The particular measures adopted, in the first establishment of the institution, your committee do not think it necessary to recite. Suffice it to observe, that the institution has been in operation a little more than seven years; and that, during this time, its advance has been as good, as, under all attending circumstances, could be expected.

The College is located in the Northern part of Mecklenburg County, within about seven miles of Beatty's ford, across the Catawba river. In the original projection of the institution, it was intended, that it should be a manual labour establishment; and, to facilitate this object, a tract of four hundred and seventy acres of land, was purchased. Subsequent experience having proved the impracticability of the manual labour part, it was abandoned; and three hundred acres of the land were sold; and the proceeds were appropriated to the liquidation of debts that had been incurred. There remain, therefore, as the property of the institution, a hundred and seventy acres of land, part of which is under cultivation; and the remainder is still in its natural state. On this tract, a section has been laid off, for the buildings of the institution; not, however, as we conceive, with sufficient regard to convenience, or good taste; in both which respects, considerable improvement might be made.

The buildings of the institution are, three dwelling houses; one for the President, and two for Professors; five dormitories for students, each containing four rooms; a large building for a Steward's hall, and the accommodation of his family; and another large building, which is used as a chapel, and for recitation rooms, for holding the meetings of the literary societies, and depositing their libraries. These buildings are constructed, mostly of brick; and covered with tin. The chapel building, in particular, is well constructed; well situated; and well calculated for durability. The estimated cost of all the buildings, is Twenty-five thousand dollars.

The College Library is small; and not very valuable. Each of the two literary societies has a Library, containing about nine hundred volumes. These Libraries are made up of well chosen books, deposited in suitable cases, and preserved in a good condition.

The philosophical and chemical Apparatus is incomplete; especially that of Chemistry;—the whole cost of both being only Six hundred dollars. In Natural Philosophy, the Apparatus is sufficient, to illustrate the general principles of the most important parts of the science.

There are three permanent Officers;—the President, who also instructs, as a Professor, in some branches of science; a Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy; and a Professor of the Latin and Greek languages. Besides these, there is one Tutor, who is occupied, partly, in the preparatory department; and partly, with the classes in College. The salary of the permanent officers, is a thousand dollars, together with a house, garden, and other conveniences. The Tutor receives Four hundred dollars; which, however, is paid, altogether by the permanent officers.

The time when your committee visited the institution, was, at the commencement of a Session; and also at the opening of a new Academic year. Many of the students had not arrived. The number then present, was about sixty. Your committee understood, that about twenty more were expected; so that the whole number, when fully organized, would be about eighty. The Freshman class, your committee were informed, would number eighteen. As the organization of the institution was incomplete, your committee had not a fair opportunity of hearing the recitations; and, of course, could form no adequate judgment of the character of the instruction. The Officers, your committee found to be pleasant and amiable men; ready to give any information in their power, concerning the institution; and apparently enjoying a large share in the affections of the students.

The funds of the institution, are by no means so ample, and so prosperous, as its wants demand. The original subscription amounted to Thirty-six thousand dollars. Of this sum, from seven to nine thousand dollars remain unpaid; and this uncollected balance is supposed to be unavailable. The remainder has been expended, in providing buildings, and in sustaining the expenses of the institution. The manual labour part, which was continued for several years, was found to be a sinking concern; and was the occasion of losing a considerable sum, before it was abandoned. A subscription, subsequent to the first, has been taken up, for the purpose of endowing a Professorship; a considerable part of which has been secured. There is also in the hands of the Treasurer, supposed to be in good securities, an amouut of near two thousand dollars. But, there are debts, against the institution, of near three thousand dollars; which will be more than an offset to the amount in the hands of this officer. The amount of available funds, after paying all debts, we were informed, would be about Eighteen thousand dollars. The income of this, with the receipts from tuition, are all the means, upon which, at present, the institution can rely. The charge for tuition, is Thirty Dollars per annum. The sum of Two thousand dollars, is, probably, as much as can be relied upon, from this source. This, with the income from the fund, will make an annual income of Three thousand Dollars. The expense of sustaining the three Professors, is Three Thousand Dollars annually; besides the Four Hundred Dollars for the Tutor, which ought, certainly, to be paid by the College. Beyond this, there are a variety of contingent expenses always accruing; so that an income of Four thousand Dollars is as small a sum as can fairly be put down, for the expenses of the institution, in its present condition.

In considering what is to be done to improve the condition of the institution, we think, that considerable changes, in the condition of things, are needed. As new dormitories for the students will be needed, we think that the dwellings designed for the President and one of the Professors, which are incommodious buildings, should be converted into dormitories; and new buildings be erected for these officers. Other dormitories still will be needed, should the institution be in a flourishing condition. Something considerable needs also to be done, in laying out, improving, and enclosing the College grounds. If the salary of the President be fixed at Twelve Hundred Dollars, with a house, and the perquisites of office, which is as low as any competent man can be expected to take the place; the salary of each Professor, at a thousand dollars, with a house; and two Tutors, each at Four hundred dollars, there will then need to be an income of Five Thousand Dollars. The present income, from funds, we will suppose, is a thousand dollars. Add to this, from the tuition, we will suppose, of Eighty students, at Thirty dollars each, which will make an amount of Twenty four hundred dollars; and the whole annual income will then be, Three thousand four hundred dollars. There will, then, remain, a deficit of Sixteen Hundred Dollars, to be provided for, by some other means. This deficit of Sixteen Hundred Dollars, annually, if provided for by a fund, will require an addition of Twenty seven Thousand Dollars. The changes in the buildings, the new ones to be erected, the improvement in the Apparatus, and other things, may be put down at Twenty three Thousand Dollars; thus, making the sum of Fifty thousand dollars necessary to be raised, to place the institution in a good condition, before the public. And this sum, judiciously expended, will, we believe, place the institution in such a condition, as to secure to it, a liberal patronage of students, for many years.

There is one practice adopted, involving expense, which, we think, demands revision; and that is, the practice of allowing the students to occupy the rooms in the dormitories, free of rent. The College buildings ought, in some way, to be made to pay their own repairs, and their own insurance. We see no reason, why the public should be taxed, to furnish rooms for the students, free of rent. Other Colleges tax their students, for room-rent; and, with some of them, the rent amounts to no inconsiderable income. At Harvard, the charge is Fifteen dollars each, per annum; at Yale, Twelve; at Amherst, Nine; at Princeton, Six; at Newark College, four; at our University, and at Wake Forest, Two. A reasonable charge, for rent, cannot, certainly, be objected to; for, it is not a valid argument, to say, that, as the rooms were built by donation, therefore, they should be exempt from rent. Few of the individuals who subscribed to aid the building, have sons to occupy; and, surely, there is no reason, why their donations should be expended, for those who are able to pay for the use of the property. We think it reasonable, therefore, that there should be a charge made, for the rooms. Suppose there were forty rooms occupied, each by two students, paying four dollars each, annually, for a room; the amount would be Three hundred and twenty Dollars;—a sum sufficient to keep the buildings in repair; and to pay an insurance on the most important.

We come, now, to the most difficult part of our inquiry: How, and by what means, can the funds requisite to sustain the institution, be obtained? We believe, that this object is worthy of serious consideration. We do not hesitate to say, that, in our opinion, a College, in Western Carolina, is desirable and important; and, as Davidson College has been planted, and has acquired such a growth, it is a matter worthy of inquiry, whether it ought not to be encouraged. One way in which it should be encouraged, is, by making it a subject of prayer. As the professed object of the Founders, was, to aid the cause of the Redeemer, so the institution should be specially remembered, by all who wish for its prosperity. The countenance and patronage of its friends, should be extended to it, in persuading young men, as far as may be found consistent with circumstances, and duties to others, to resort thither for education. But the immediate want is funds. How shall these be raised? The principal part of the burden, we apprehend, must fall, for the present, on the people in the region where the institution is situated. They are the people who are to receive a more immediate benefit; and to them, it will be a benefit, in various ways. Besides furnishing a place of easy access, for the education of their young men, the reflex influence on society will there be most extensively felt. Whatever benefits society, makes property more valuable, and adds to the comforts of life. To the people of the surrounding region, the College must, more particularly, look for aid. When the people of that region shall have carried it forward so far, that others, at a distance, shall feel a confidence that their additional aid will secure ultimate success, then may the institution look abroad for help. Whether so much has been done by the people of that region as to secure such confidence, may, perhaps, be a matter of doubt. So small a sum, as could now, probably, under existing circumstances, be raised abroad, would accomplish but little; and perhaps, in the event, prove to have been thrown away. Let the surrounding community bring it near the requisite point, and then, there will be ground for encouragement to others. Should the people in the surrounding region succeed in endowing another Professorship, an appeal, then, might, with the hope of success, be made to other parts of the State.*

In relation to the manner of raising funds, a few words will suffice. The usual method, in such institutions, is, to aim at erecting a permanent fund, the income of which may be applied to sustain the expenses of the institution.

Here, it is natural to inquire,—Can Davidson College be sustained; and can it ever become such an institution as will hold a good rank among sister institutions, and be likely to attract any considerable attention to itself, as a place of education? It should be remembered, that there are but few Colleges that rank so high as to command general attention through the Country, and exert a general influence on the cause of education. Of the sixty which our Country contains, comparatively few are known, beyond the immediate region where they are located. They are all, however, useful in their place; and exert no little influence on the community that surround them. Davidson College is located in a section of Country, where the influence of such an institution will be appreciated; and be productive of much good. It is easy of access; and, placed in the midst of a rich section of territory, it will always be surrounded by a dense population; out of which, many young men will be desirous of obtaining an education. These will find this institution, on many accounts, an eligible place of resort. The Districts of Spartanburg, York, Lancaster, and Chesterfield, in South Carolina; and the Counties of Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Anson, Lincoln, Rutherford, Burke, Iredell, Wilkes, Davy, Rowan, and Stanley, in North Carolina, will find this the most convenient place for them. Surry, together with the Counties further to the West; with Richmond, Moore, Montgomery, Robeson, and other Eastern Counties, will, for various reasons, always contribute, more or less, to the patronage of this institution. The Districts and Counties which we have named, contain a population of Two hundred and seventy thousand souls; a population considerably exceeding that of the State of Connecticut, previous to the establishment of the two denominational Colleges, while Yale was the only College, and yet was in a flourishing condition. Within the limits of the District of Country which has been described, there are between eight and nine thousand members of Presbyterian Churches. How many of other denominations, we have no means of determining. Supposing that the patronage of the institution is confined to the Presbyterian denomination, there is a sufficient population of that order, within the limits named, not only to justify, but even to demand, that the institution should, by them, be sustained. But, if conducted on liberal principles, the Presbyterian is not the only denomination that will patronise the institution. Other denominations, from contiguity of situation, or from motives of economy, and, as may be hoped, from the intrinsic merits of the institution, will patronise it, to some extent. Patronage, too, from other parts of the State, may be expected, when the character of the institution shall have become established and known.

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*We have recently learned, that, in addition to the moneys previously raised in the vicinity of the College, the Trustees have undertaken to raise a second Professorship, in the same vicinity. For this purpose, they have appointed an Agent, who, within five or six weeks, has raised the sum of Six Thousand Dollars. The prospect for the completion of this Professorship, appears to be fair.

What, then, is to be done, in order to place the institution in an attractive position, before the public? A College cannot be brought to maturity in a day. It requires time and labour, to bring it to such a degree of perfection as to secure public confidence. Davidson College, considering the time that it has been in existence, has been carried forward, as fast, and as far, as could be expected. It has, however, reached a point, beyond which, it cannot well advance, without pecuniary aid: and yet, before it will command attention extensively, it must advance. There is no alternative, but to go back, or forward. If it do not go forward, it must retire into the rank of an ordinary intermediate institution. The public will not long be content to patronise an institution, which has no prospect of passing the time of its minority. To secure a continued patronage, there must be a fair prospect, that it will pass on, gradually, from its minority to manhood. Years, it is true, will be required, to give to it, that maturity, and place it on that elevated ground, that will cause it to form a Centre, from which will be radiated, an influence that will bring back a patronage of wide extent. Confidence will grow stronger, as the institution advances; and every stage of improvement will gather around it, an increasing patronage, and render it more an object of attraction. To secure this confidence, there must be a movement, that will occasion considerable expense. There should be, at least, one additional Professor; and there should be, besides the Professors, as many as two Tutors. Could there be a Faculty, consisting of a President, who, for the time being, might be a Teacher of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy and Rhetoric; a Professor of Languages; a Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy; a Professor of Chemistry and Natural History; and two Assistant Tutors, the institution might hope, for a number of years, to secure a respectful regard from the public. A Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy and of Logic, is desirable; but the superintendence of these studies, might, for the present, be merged in the duties of the President. A Professorship of Chemistry, and Natural History, considering the present state of public opinion in relation to these branches of education, is indispensable. To accommodate this arrangement, there must be provided, another house for a Professor, and there must be a building for a Laboratory and a

Cabinet. Some addition to the Philosophical, and considerable to the Chemical Apparatus, it will also be needful to procure. It is desirable, moreover, that a more extensive Library should be collected; though we do not consider this as indispensable as the other things that have been named. Further conveniences, too, for the accommodation of students, would be needed, to meet the other arrangements suggested. If, in any way, the College can be furnished with the means of sustaining such a Faculty, and of providing suitable accommodations for the Officers, for the students, and for the operations of the institution, we see no reason why it may not prosper, and take rank among the important institutions of the land.

We are aware, that many pious and judicious persons, both among the Clergy and Laity in the State, entertain different views from some of those which we have expressed. Even among those who feel that there is a want of an institution where there shall be a more direct religious influence, there are not a few, who, from one reason and another, regard the effort to build up Davidson College, as an attempt that must prove abortive. Some regard the multiplication of Colleges as an evil;—as creating an unnecessary expense; and tending to excite sectional and rival feelings. Some think it an objection, that the direction of the institution is placed so much in the hands of a single religious denomination. In the view we have taken of the whole matter, we have placed no reliance upon any argument, that some would, perhaps, draw from this source, in favour of the institution. Our opinion is founded on general principles; that another College would be useful in the State; and particularly in Western Carolina; and that, as Davidson College has been commenced, it should be encouraged. We place much reliance on the importance of making religious instruction a direct and distinct part of a system of education. We fear, that this can never be very effectual, in an institution, where it is tolerated only by courtesy, and is not provided for, particularly, by the Overseers and Managers. To guard the mind from error; to instil into it, a reverential regard for sacred things; and to endeavour to give a right turn to opinion, feeling, and action, concerning religion, we believe, is the bounden duty of every Teacher, and of those bearing rule in every literary institution. Not that the Teacher, or institution, is to become the tool of party, or sect; or that he is to cause every individual to learn the Shibboleths of his own party, or sect; but, it is, to inculcate, by precept and example, the broad principles of revealed religion; and to do all that can be done, to make these principles tell, on the minds of all concerned. Davidson College is under the direction and management of a body of men, who, to say the least, ought to foster the interests of religion. It is not to be expected, that men in civil and political life, will undertake, in a special manner, to guard the interests of religion: But, an institution, under the care of those, whose very business it is to attend to religion, may expect to feel their influence, in every department which it embraces. A College, around which, the Clergy entwine their influence, must, certainly, be a more suitable place for the education of those designed for the Ministry, than one, under the management of men, whose occupation, whose associations, and whose taste, are entirely of a different character. Whether Davidson College shall sustain this peculiar character, time only can determine. That it ought to do so, and that this should be the aim of its Overseers, cannot be questioned. The success of the institution depends on this; and the more its character for religious instruction is elevated, the larger will be the portion of public confidence that it will secure.

The location of Davidson College, has, by some, been made an objection. It is true, that it is remote from the Eastern part of the State; but it is designed, chiefly, for the accommodation of Western Carolina. We will not say, that, even for this part, there might not have been chosen a more suitable spot. The idea of putting a College in the Woods, for the sake of getting out of the reach of temptation, has, we think, more of theory in it, than of practical wisdom. Still, Davidson College is, for many reasons, in an eligible situation; and, to attempt any removal, would be unwise; and probably, ruinous to the establishment.

The preparatory department, now connected with the institution, we think, should be utterly abandoned. For this, many reasons might be given, appertaining both to the College and to the Students.

Such, Brethren of the Presbytery, is the opinion which your committee have formed, of the expediency of establishing a College in Western Carolina; and of attempting to sustain Davidson, as the College to be established. Having, thus, given our views, in detail, we leave the subject for your consideration. We have not thought it best, to recommend to you any particular plan for action; and whether you will take any action on the business, remains to be decided. The subject is one of too much importance, to be thrown aside without consideration, or to be acted upon with haste. An enterprise of so much magnitude, and involving consequences of so much importance to present and future generations, should be carefully examined; and, whatever decision is made, should be made, after much deliberation; and with much coolness of calculation. A hasty and unpremeditated effort, might create such a disgust in the public mind, as to ruin the whole concern. The public mind must be prepared; information must be circulated through the community; reasons must be assigned for doing; the benefit that is to accrue, to the State and to individuals, must be fully set forth;—and, when all this is done, then, an appeal may be properly made for help. As we have before observed, the friends of the institution, in the surrounding community, must take the lead, in the whole matter. When they gird themselves, in good earnest, to the work, when they shall have aroused the people of the section of Country surrounding the institution, to think and feel that they have an important object before them; and that, if they do not put to their strength, it will be lost; and when, under the strength of this feeling, such efforts shall be made as will inspire confidence abroad, that the institution will live and thrive; then may the people of other parts of the State be appealed to, to contribute their aid to the work. Whether such a state of things now exists, you, in your wisdom, will decide; and whether it is best to act, and how it is best to act, you will also determine.

Having thus, as they suppose, discharged the duty assigned to them, your committee leave their report with you; fervently praying, that God, who directs his chosen servants, will direct you; and enable you to do that, which duty to yourselves, to the public, and to the cause of the Redeemer, may require.

All which is respectfully submitted.
SIMEON COLTON, Chairman of the Committee.

Jas A Harrington

MINUTES

OF THE

Presbytery of Fayetteville,

AT THEIR EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION,

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PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Sardis Church, Cumberland County, N. C., Nov. 1.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Matthew B. Grier, the last Moderator, from Mark IV., 26—29, "And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground: and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. Opening Sermon

"For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself: first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear.

"But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

After sermon Presbytery was constituted by prayer.

PRESENT.

Ministers. Rev. Messrs. Adam Gilchrist, Hector McLean, James P. McPherson, Hugh A. Monroe, Neill McKay, Matthew B. Grier, Duncan B. Black, Neill McDonald, Hector McAlister, George M. Gibbs, Daniel T. Towles, Duncan D. McBryde, and Martin McQueen. Ministers present.

Ruling Elders. Edward W. Barge, Fayetteville, Archibald Smith, Philadelphus, Neill Kelly, Brown Marsh, John W. Boney, Rockfish, Robert W. Gibbs, Wilmington, William M. Whitted, Beth Car, Robert E. Troy, Lumberton, Kenneth Black, Carthage, Neill McPhail, Long Street, Peter Shaw, Bethesda, Nathan Bowdon, Mount Carmel, John Dalrymple, Buffalo, Joel Williams, Bluff, James Hodges, Sardis, John L. Campbell, Sandy Grove, Alexander Little, Lumber Bridge. Elders present.

ABSENT.

Ministers. Rev. Messrs. Robert Tate, Simeon Colton, D. D., Samuel Paisley, Hector McNeill, John R. McIntosh, Frederick K. Nash, Colin Shaw, Daniel Johnson, William H. Hogshead, and James M. Sprunt. Ministers absent

On motion, Rev. Duncan B. Black was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Martin McQueen and Robert E. Troy, Ruling Elder, Temporary Clerks. Moderator and Clerks.

Presbytery had a recess for half an hour.

After recess Presbytery resumed business.

Rev. E. McNair. Rev. E. McNair, of the Presbytery of Brazos, Texas, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery was dispensed with.

Rev. Messrs. Shaw and McNeill. Rev. Messrs. C. Shaw and H. McNeill appeared and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

D. B. Black excused. Rev. D. B. Black was excused for absence from last Spring meeting of Presbytery.

Com. on Relig's Exercises. Rev. Messrs. D. D. McBryde and G. M. Gibbs, and James Hodges, R. E., were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

Call from Buffalo. A call from Buffalo Church for the ministerial services of Rev. Neill McKay (for one-half of his time) was read; and being found in order, was placed in his hands.

Accepted. Mr. McKay having signified his acceptance of said call, the following arrangements were made for his installation, viz: Rev. D. D. McBryde preach the sermon and propose the constitutional questions, and Rev. H. McAlister deliver the charges to pastor and people.

It was agreed that these services should take place at such time as might suit the convenience of the parties interested.

Com. on Vacant Churches. On motion, The ministers appointed at our last spring meeting to supply vacant churches were called upon to report, when it appeared that they had performed the duty assigned them.

Whereupon it was resolved, That Rev. Messrs. Gilchrist, Grier, and McKay, with R. W. Gibbs, Ruling Elder, be appointed a committee to attend to the interests of vacant churches, and report to Presbytery as soon as practicable.

Death of W. H. Hogshead announced. Rev. H. McLean announced to Presbytery the death of William H. Hogshead, a member of this body: whereupon Rev. Messrs. Gilchrist and McAlister, with Mr. Kenneth Black, Ruling Elder, were appointed a committee to bring in a suitable minute on this subject.

Report of Com. on Rel. Exerc. The committee on religious exercises reported in part, which was accepted.

On motion, Presbytery adjoured to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

Additional Elders. Archibald Graham, Ruling Elder from Rockfish Factory Church, and Duncan Keith, from Cypress Church, appeared in Presbytery and their names were enrolled.

The Moderator announced the following committees, viz: Committees.

On the Narrative: Rev. Messrs. Gibbs and Shaw, with A. Graham, Ruling Elder. Narrative.

On the Minutes of the General Assembly: Rev. Messrs. Munroe and Gilchrist, with R. W. Gibbs, Ruling Elder. Minutes of Gen. Assembly.

On motion, Rev. H. McAlister was added to the committee on the supply of vacant churches.

On motion, Free Conversation on the state of Religion was made the order of the day for 2 o'clock this afternoon. Free Convers'n.

Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

Dr. John Malloy, Ruling Elder from Centre Church, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat. Additional members.

Rev. D. Johnson appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery took a recess for half an hour. Recess.

After recess, Presbytery came to order.

The hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, Presbytery went into Free Conversation on the state of Religion. Free Conversation.

A circular letter on Church extension was read and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. McPherson and Grier, and R. W. Gibbs, Ruling Elder. Church Extension.

A circular letter from the Board of Education was read and referred to the committee on Education.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Gilchrist and McLean, and John Dalrymple, Ruling Elder, were elected members of the committeee on Education.

On motion, Rev. M. B. Grier was added to the committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

On motion, the resolutions, in relation to the division of this Presbytery, were called for and read, whereupon it was moved and seconded that they be indefinitely postponed, which motion, after discussion, was lost. Division of Presbytery.

Verbal reports were made concerning Messrs. Darroch, McQueen, and Livingston, candidates for the ministry. Candidates.

Presbytery then proceeded to fix the time and place of the next meeting of Presbytery, when the Grove Church in Duplin county, was chosen as the place, and the time the Thursday before the 2d Sunday in April next, at 12 o'clock M. Time and place of next meeting.

Resolved, That Rev. Messrs. Gibbs, Towles, Shaw, and Black, with Messrs. Boney and John P. Bannerman Ruling Elders, be a committee to organize a Church at Long Creek, should the way be clear. Long Creek.

Resolved, That Messrs. Munroe and Shaw, with Messrs. Neill Kelly, James Cromartie and Neill Buie, Ruling Elders, be a committee to organize a Church at Whiteville, should the way be clear. Whiteville.

Fair Bluff.

Resolved, That Rev. Messrs. McDonald and McPherson be instructed to visit Fair Bluff, and report to Presbytery at the next session whether it would be advisable to occupy that place as missionary ground.

Mr. William McDugald, Ruling Elder from Barbacue Church, appeared, and his name was enrolled.

Report of Committee on vacant Churches.

The committee on vacant Churches submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"The committee to whom was referred the case of the vacant churches within our bounds, respectfully report, That after due consideration of the matter, they can arrive at no plan better adapted for present action than the following:

"1. That a committee be appointed by Presbytery, whose duty it shall be, to correspond with their vacant churches respecting the reasons which lie in the way of their procuring ministerial services, and shonld they be found unable to support a minister during the whole of his time, to inquire, whether a union cannot be effected between themselves and one more of the neighboring churches, and said committee shall be prepared to report to this Presbytery at its next meeting.

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"2. That it be enjoined on those ministers who are appointed to the duty of supplying vacant churches, that in addition to preaching, they spend as much time as practicable in visiting the members of the churches and congregations, and in ascertaining the facts to be collected for the use of the committee of correspondence, which they shall report to said committee before the next meeting of Presbytery.

"3. That it be again enjoined on all our vacant churches to appear by their representatives at the next meeting of Presbytery, and to give such information as the Presbytery may require for their guidance,—and to secure such representation, the supplies call the sessions together for the purpose of electing delegates."

On motton, the following brethren were appointed as the committee of correspondence, viz: Rev. Messrs. Gilchrist, Grier, and McKay.

Report of Committee of Supplies.

The following report was presented, accepted, and adopted, viz:

"The committee of supplies recommend the following, viz:

Montpelier—A sacramental season, served by Rev. Messrs. McLean and McNeill.

Laurel Hill—A sacramental season, served by the same.

Lebanon—A sacramental season, served by Rev. J. P McPherson and any whose assistance he may invite.

Long Street—A sacramental season, by Rev. Messrs. Gilchrist and McAlister.

Sandy Grove—A sacramental season, by the same.

Union, Euphronia and *Carthage*—Each by the Rev. Evander McNair, by request of Presbytery, he being a member of the Presbytery of Brazos, laboring in our bounds.

Barbacue and *Mt. Pisgah*—By Rev. Messrs. Johnson and McKay.

Bethlehem—Rev. D. D. McBryde.

Keith—By Rev. G. M. Gibbs.

Mt. Williams—By Rev. C. Shaw.

Mt. Edwards—By Rev. D. B. Black. Each one Sabbath, and sacrament to be administered in each church.

Report of Trustees of Davidson College.

Rev. M. B. Grier, as Trustee of Davidson College, made a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows, viz:

"The Trustees of Davidson College, representing the Fayetteville Presbytery, would respectfully represent to Presbytery—

1. That in accordance with the requirement of Presbytery, they herewith present a copy of the charter of Davidson College, as printed in an appendix to the last annual catalogue of the College.

2. The Trustees announce to Presbytery that there is a vacancy in their number, occasioned by the lamented death of the Rev. Wm. H. Hogshead—and recommend that Presbytery fill the vacancy at its present sessions.

3. Presbytery will observe that according to the charter of Davidson College, sec. 5, "one fourth of said corporation shall go out of office every year; subject, however, to re-election. As it is important now that all infringements of the charter should be carefully avoided, the Trustees would recommend that the following plan be adopted by Presbytery, to meet this provision, so far as it affects this body.

1. That the person now elected to fill the vacancy serve for four years.

2. That the Rev. F. K. Nash serve for three years from this time.

3. That Rev. M. B. Grier serve for two years from this time.

4. That Mr. Alexander Martin serve for one year from this time, and that this election take place at the fall sessions of Presbytery.

The Trustees are glad to state, that the prospects of Davidson College seem to be brightening. The Board of Trustees, at their meeting in August last, established two new Professorships in the College—one having been endowed directly by the will of Maxwell Chambers, Esq., and the other by funds received from his estate.

Continued. The latter of these, the Troy Professorship, was filled by the appointment of Rev. Adam Gilchrist, a member of our Presbytery. This appointment has since been declined by brother Gilchrist; but we still recognise in his election, the proof of a sincere desire, on the part of the brethren associated with us, that our Presbytery shall be represented in the Faculty of the College, as well as in its Board of Trustees. President Lacy, and Professor Leland, have been inaugurated into their respective chairs, and are worthy of the confidence and respect of all interested in the College.

(Signed) M. B. GRIER.

Presbytery took a recess for 30 minutes.

Trustees Chosen On motion, Rev. Adam Gilchrist was unanimously elected a Trustee of Davidson College, on behalf of this Presbytery, to serve for four years, in the place of Rev. Wm. H. Hogshead, deceased.

Davidson Col. *Resolved*, That the Presbytery hereby respectfully request the Trustees of Davidson College, to give due notice, through the Secretary of the Board, of every called meeting of the Board of Trustees, and that the stated Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Board.

Aid for Rev. D. T. Towles. $175.00. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Domestic Missions, be directed to ask of the Board of Domestic Missions, the sum of $175.00, in aid of Rev. D. T. Towles, as a missionary to New Hanover county.

Aid for Rev. T. R. Owen. $200. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Domestic Missions, be directed to ask of the Board of Domestic Missions, the sum of $200.00, in aid of the Rev. T. R. Owen, missionary in Goldsboro' and Everettsville, in Wayne county, N. C., when he shall enter on his labors in that field.

Mr. Archibald Smith obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned. On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

Report of Com. on Ch. Ex. The Committee to whom was referred the letter on Church Extension, reported, and pending the discussion on said report, the following painful information was communicated to Presbytery, viz: the death of our colaborer, Henry Elliott, Esq.; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Presbytery have just heard, with sincere sorrow, of the death of our valuable co-laborer, Henry Elliott, Esq., a Ruling Elder in this Church, as a befitting testimonial to his worth, and our appreciation of the many excellent qualities which distinguished him as a Christian and a man, and especially as a ruler in the house of God; and in sympathy with his bereaved family, and the church of which he was so distinguished an ornament, this Presbytery do adjourn for the purpose of attending his funeral, at 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

Report of Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education presented their report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, 1st. That the Board of Education is entitled to, and possessed of, the highest degree of confidence of this Presbytery.

2. That we rejoice to hear of the increase of candidates for the ministry throughout the bounds of our church, and regret to learn that the funds in the Treasury of the Board are so inadequate.

3. That, in compliance with the injunction of our General Assembly, and in obedience to the command of the great Lord of the Harvest, to pray that laborers be sent into His harvest, this Presbytery observe the last Thursday in February as a day of prayer for colleges; and that in each of our churches at that time, or on the nearest Sabbath that shall be convenient, a collection be taken up in aid of the Board of Education.

Mr. Norman Ferguson, ruling Elder of Union Church, (in Moore), appeared in Presbytery, and his name was enrolled.

Report of Committee on death of W. H. H.

The Committee appointed for that purpose brought in a minute in relation to the death of W. H. Hogshead, which after some discussion, was recommitted to the same committee, with instructions to bring in a full biographical sketch of his life, at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Report of Committee on Treas. account.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, presented their report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows, viz:

We, the undersigned Committee, appointed to audit the accounts of James Martine, Treasurer of Fayetteville Presbytery, have attended to the duty assigned us, and do hereby certify that the following statement is correct, the charges being sustained by sufficient vouchers, viz: that there is in the hands of the Treasurer $273.34, consisting of the following items, $244.64, belonging to the contingent fund; $27.86, to Foreign Missions, and 84 cents to Domestic Missions.

James Martine, Treas. of Fayetteville Presbytery, Dr.

1855.	To sum received for Foreign Missions,	$267.53
"	" " " " Domestic "	109.05
"	" " " " Education purposes,	124.62
"	" " " " Board of Publication,	26.29
"	" " " " Mizpeh Church	86.00
1855.	Oct. 27. To balance in Treasurer's hands,	273.34

James Martine, Treas. Fay. Presbytery, Cr.

1855.	To sum paid Treas. For. Missions, as per vouchers,	$239.67
"	To sum paid for Domestic Missions,	108.21
"	" " " " Education purposes,	124.62
"	" " " " Board of Publication,	26.29
"	" " " " Mizpeh Church,	86.00

Continued.

The Committee would wish to append to their report: That the following sums have been paid by the churches named, for Domestic Missions, viz.:

Tirza Church,	$61.00
Black River Chapel,	7.00
Everettsville,	15.00
Philadelphus,	3.25
Centre,	21.65
Antioch,	6.71
Bethel,	10.20
Rockfish Factory,	3.00
Sardis,	10.00
Laurel Hill,	20.00
Rockfish Factory,	3.83
	$161.84

And of those sums as per resolution of Presbytery:

To Rev. G. M. Gibbs, for missionary services in Samson county,	$100.00
To Rev. D. T. Towles for Church Extension,	61.00
	$161.84

Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer for Domestic Mission Fund, 84 cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. MALLOY.
P. C. SHAW.

Report of Committee on Dom. Missions.

The Committee on Domestic Missions submitted the following report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows viz:

"That they have successfully attended to the duties assigned them, with the following exception: that the

Board considered the request to secure, by their agency alone, the services of the Rev. D. Deruelle, a favor which they could not grant, the amount required being larger than they, as the agents of the Church, could afford to contribute."

Narrative.

The Committee on the Narrative submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to Synod by the Stated Clerk, and is as follows, viz:

"The Presbytery of Fayetteville would report to Synod, that, in view of the past year, they find much cause for gratitude and thankfulness to the great Head of the Church. Though there has been no extraordinary and extensive religious awakenings in our bounds, yet most of our churches have received accessions to their numbers, and a few of them have enjoyed some outpourings of the Spirit. In addition to this, we are cheered by the fact, that, notwithstanding the special influences of the Spirit have been withheld from many of our churches, still the attention to the ordinances of the gospel has been generally good.

"Much diligence has been used in preaching the word, and the people have manifested, in a good degree, a desire to receive instruction therefrom. The congregations are generally reported as attentive. The churches are generally enjoying peace and harmony, and brotherly love is prevailing in an unusual degree among the pastors and other office-bearers in our connexion. Sabbath schools and Bible classes have received much attention.

"And the number of those who look upon the moral condition of our colored population with interest and earnest prayers is increased: and to some of our churches large accessions have been made from that too long neglected and degraded people.

"The enterprises of Christian benevolence have not received, during the year, that amount of aid which should have been afforded.

"There is still a lamentable degree of apathy among many of our churches on this subject. Surely, if the petition, "Thy kingdom come," had formed a part of the prayer of every Christian (as it should have done), during the past year, the offerings of the churches, for the work of foreign and domestic missions, for the cause of education, and for the dissemination of religious knowledge in books and tracts among our people, and over the land, would have been much greater.

"There is reason to fear, that the duty of contributing of our substance, to aid in carrying the gospel to the destitute, is but imperfectly understood by many of our church members.

"Too many have regarded contributions to those objects as merely an occasional charity, and not as one of the great practical duties of Christian life. Upon this ground alone, we can account for the small contributions annually sent up by many of our churches to aid in the great and important work of spreading the gospel. Surely these things ought not so be to.

"Upon the whole, while the external aspect of the church presents many things cheering to the pious heart, and while in a few of our churches God has manifested his presence; yet, we have reason to be humbled, that so little has been done for His cause, and that there still exists in His church, so much to cause him to withhold from us the more copious effusion of His Holy Spirit." (Signed) G. M. GIBBS,
COLIN SHAW,
ARCH'D GRAHAM,
Committee.

Call from Tirza.

A call from Tirza Church, for the the pastoral services of Rev. Evander McNair, was presented and read, and being found in due form, was ordered to be properly authenticated and forwarded to the Presbytery of Brazos, Texas, of which Mr. McNair is a member.

Report of Committee on minutes of G. A.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

"That other committees have anticipated and brought to the attention of this body most of the subjects that demand attention. We simply call attention to one item on statistical reports. The resolution is this, viz: "*Resolved*, That, in order to secure more completeness and accuracy in the statistics of the Church, it be enjoined upon the Presbyteries, whenever practicable, to require the sessions of the churches under their care to send in their sessional reports at the spring meetings of the Presbyteries, and that said Presbyteries also require their respective Stated Clerks to prepare their reports to the General Assembly, and read them in Presbytery for sanction and approval."

Gen. A. D. McLean, Ruling Elder of Tirza Church, appeared in Presbytery, and his name was enrolled.

Historical Com.

The Historical Committee reported in part, presenting a very interesting sketch of the life and labors of the Rev. James Campbell,, first preacher of the Presbyterian faith in the Cape Fear region, which was accepted, and the Committee was requested to continue its labors.

Monument to Rev. Mr. Campbell.

A suggestion having been made by Mr. James Banks, Chairman of the Historical Committee, that suitable arrangements should be made for celebrating the centennial anniversary of the introduction of Presbyterianism within the bounds of this Presbytery, and also that collections should be made in the churches in order to erect a suitable monument to the memory of Rev. Mr. Campbell—

Com. of Twelve.

A committee of twelve was appointed, five of whom shall be a quorum, to carry out the foregoing suggestion.

The following persons compose this committee, viz: Rev. Messrs. McBryde, Gilchrist, Grier, Paisley, McLean, and Black, with Messrs. R. E. Troy, James Banks, Gen. A. D. McLean, D. McNeill, Dr. J. Malloy, and A. Martin, Ruling Elders.

Statistical Rep't to Synod.

The following is the statistical report to Synod, viz:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, That, at present, they consist of 22 ministers, and have under their care 2 licentiates, 4 candidates, and 55 churches; that on the 2d day of November, 1854, they lost, by death, Rev. Archibald Smith; that on the 5th day of April, 1855, they dismissed Rev. J. Jones Smythe to the Presbytery of Orange; that on the same day, they received under their care the newly organized churches of Goldsboro', and Sandy Grove; that on the 7th day of the same month, they ordained, *sine titulo*, Martin McQueen to the work of the gospel ministry, and dismissed Rev. William N. Peacock to the Presbytery of Florida; that they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Neill McKay, and Tirza Church and installed Rev. D. D. McBryde pastor over the Bluff Church; and they have lost, by death, Rev. William H. Hogshead.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

Adj. to meet at Synod.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet at Greensboro', during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Vote of Thanks.

On motion, The thanks of Presbytery were tendered to the Church and congregation of Sardis for their kindness and hospitality to the members during our present sessions, and Rev. D. D. McBryde was directed to communicate the same.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Greensboro', during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

JAMES P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

Meeting at Synod. Memb's present.

Presbytery met at the call of the Rev. M. B. Grier, the last Moderator present, and was opened with prayer.

Present: Rev. Messrs. McLean, S. Colton, D. D., J. P. McPherson, F. K. Nash, G. M. Gibbs, M. B. Grier, D. T. Towles and M. McQueen, with Robert W. Gibbs, Ruling Elder, of Wilmington.

The minutes of last Saturday were read, corrected and approved.

Report of Commissioners.

Rev. Messrs. McPherson and Grier, Commissioners to the last General Assembly, submitted their report, which was accepted.

Rev. Mr. Coe.

Rev. Mr. Coe, of Rock River Presbytery, and Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Church Extension Committee, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member; when he briefly explained the objects and plans of said Committee.

Order to print & pay printer.

On motion, The Stated Clerk was directed to publish the usual number of copies (500) of the minutes of Presbytery, and that our Treasurer, Mr. Martine, pay for the same.

Adjournment.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Grove Church, Duplin county, N. C., on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in April, (the 10th day of the month), at 12 o'clock M.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

NOTE: The publication of the Minutes of Presbytery has been delayed by causes entirely beyond he control of the publishers—and, in part, by the absence of hands on whom they had relied to assist in the work. They hope that such impediments may not again stand in the way.

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MINUTES.

CENTRE CHURCH, Robeson Co., N. C.,
October 8th, 1857.

Sermon. The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by Rev. F. K. Nash, the last Moderator present, from Gal., iv. 16: "Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?"

After Sermon, Presbytery came to order and was constituted by prayer.

Ministers present. Ministers Present.—Rev. Messrs. H. McLean, H. McNeill, J. P. McPherson, F. K. Nash, H. A. Munroe, Neill McKay, D. B. Black, D. Johnson, D. T. Towles, D. D. McBryde, and M. McQueen.

R. E. present. Ruling Elders Present.—D. McNeill, Philadelphus; D. C. Stewart, Laurel Hill; Col. A. McEachern, Montpelier; D. McKinnon, Centre; Angus Wilkinson, Lebanon; John McFadyen, Mt. Carmel; Jacob Alford, Ashpole; James S. Harrington, Barbecue; Peter Munroe, Sandy Grove; Alexander Kelly, Carthage, and J. B. Graham, Bethesda.

Min. absent. Ministers Absent.—Rev. Messrs. R. Tate, S. Colton, D. D., S. Paisley, Adam Gilchrist, Colin Shaw, G. M. Gibbs, M. B. Grier, Neill McDonald, H. McAlister, James M. Sprunt and George McNeill.

Mod. and Clerks. Rev. D. D. McBryde was chosen Moderator, and Rev. D. T. Towles and Mr. J. B. Graham, temporary Clerks.

On motion, Presbytery had a recess for half an hour.

Rev. H. McA. Rev. H. McAlister appeared in Presbytery and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

Absentees excused. Rev. Messrs. N. McKay and D. B. Black gave satisfactory reasons for absence from the last regular meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. N. McD. The Committees appointed to Install Rev. Neill McDonald Pastor of Big Rockfish and St. Paul's Churches, reported that they had discharged the duties assigned them.

The Brethren appointed to supply the Lumberton

Supplies. Church reported, that they had not filled their appointments for reasons which were deemed satisfactory. Mr. D. Sellars reported that he had supplied Bethlehem, Mt. Pisgah, Barbecue and Cypress, as directed at the last meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. M. B. G. Rev. M. B. Grier, by letter, assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from the present Sessions of Presbytery.

Mr. J. Sinclair. Mr. James Sinclair, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Ohio, presented a regular letter of dismission from that body, which was read, and, on motion, he was received as a Licentiate under our care.

Call from Ashpole. A call from Ashpole Church, for the pastoral services of Mr. James Sinclair for one-half of his time, was presented and read, and, on motion, was placed in his hands; and he having signified his acceptance Trial Sermon. of the same, on motion, Presbytery proceeded to hear his trial Sermon for Ordination, on the 1st Epistle of John, ii. 1: "And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous,"—which was sustained.

J. S. Exam. Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr. Sinclair on experimental religion and his motives in seeking the Ministry; and also on Theology, natural and revealed.

Adj. On motion, this examination was arrested, and Presbytery adjourned, to meet in this place at half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 9, 1857.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted by prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

R. E. appear. The following Ruling Elders appeared in Presbytery and their names were enrolled, viz: W. N. Whitted, from Beth-car, and John McGoogan, from Lumber Bridge.

Com's. The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz:

Min. Ass. Minutes of the General Assembly—Rev. Messrs. H. McLean and H. McNeill, and Mr. Duncan McNeill.

Devo. Ex. On Devotional Exercises—Rev. Messrs. F. K. Nash and M. McQueen, and Mr. Daniel McKinnon.

On the Narrative—Rev. Messrs. D. Johnson and H. A. Munroe, and Mr. W. N. Whitted. **Narra.**

Mr. W. N. Whitted was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.* **Treas. pro tem.**

On motion, Rev. M. McQueen was authorized to apply to the Church Extension Committee for $200, to assist in building a Presbyterian Church on Little River. **Aid to build a Ch.**

Reports were heard from Messrs. John Darrach, N. T. Bowden and M. McNair, candidates under the care of Presbytery. **Candidates.**

Rev. M. McQueen was directed to select trial pieces for Mr. John Darrach. **McQ.**

Rev. H. McAlister asked for leave of absence after 12 o'clock to-morrow, which, on motion, was granted. **McA.**

On motion, Free Conversation on the State of Religion was made the order of the day for 2 o'clock this afternoon. **F. Con.**

The Committee appointed to organize a Church at Egypt, in Chatham County, reported, that thus far the way did not seem to be clear, and they asked to be continued; which, on motion, was granted. **Egypt.**

The Chairman of the Committee appointed to attend to the erection of a suitable Monument to the memory of Rev. James Campbell, submitted a verbal report, which was accepted; and, on motion, it was Resolved, That all the Churches within our bounds be requested to make collections for that object in the month of December next. **Mon. to Rev. J. Campbell.**

The following Ruling Elders appeared and their names were enrolled, viz: Messrs. D. McGilvary, from Buffalo, and B. B. McKenzie, from Harmony. **R. E's.**

A complaint from a minority of the Session of Centre Church, in relation to the introduction of instrumental music in said Church, was read, and, on motion, was laid on the table, in order to prepare the way for the following motion, viz: **Complaint from Centre.**

Resolved, That a Committee of Conference, consisting of Rev. Messrs. D. B. Black, H. McNeill and H. McAlister, and Messrs. W. N. Whitted and Peter Munroe, be appointed to confer with the complainants, the Pastor of the Church, and the other members of the Session, with a view to effect, if possible, a compromise of the subject-matter of said complaint. **Com. of Conference.**

Rev. Messrs. John C. Sinclair and Alexander Sinclair, of the Presbytery of Alleghany City, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion, Mr. John Darrach, a candidate under **J. Darrach.**

our care, who is now pursuing his studies in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, was recommended to the Board of Education.

Call from Smyrna.

A call from Smyrna Church, for the pastoral services of Mr. James Sinclair for one half of his time, was read, and, being found in order, was placed in his hands.

Mr. Sinclair signified his willingness to accept said call.

John L. McIver.

Mr. John L. McIver, formerly a Licentiate of this Presbytery, but whose Licensure was recalled some years ago, made application, through Neill McKay, for a restoration of the same; when after some discussion, the subject was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. H. McLean, N. McKay and H. A. Munroe, with Messrs. A. Kelly and J. McGoogan, who were instructed to confer with Mr. McIver and report to this body.

This Committee, after conference with Mr. McIver, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

License restored.

"The Committee to whom was referred the application of John L. McIver for re-Licensure by this Presbytery, report: That memorials have been laid before them, which are addressed to Presbytery and which are herewith submitted, from Buffalo, Barbecue, Mt. Pisgah, Cypress, Union (in Moore,) and Euphronia Congregations, all requesting the restoration of his License, and expressing full confidence in his good moral character, and prospect for success in preaching the Gospel.

The Committee also had a satisfactory conference with Mr. McIver, and recommend, that, inasmuch as public sentiment seems to demand the restoration of his License, the adoption of the following Resolution, viz:

Resolved, That Presbytery *will* and *do* hereby restore to Mr. John L. McIver his License to preach the Gospel."

This action of Presbytery was communicated to Mr. McIver by the Moderator in due form.

Place & time of next meeting.

On motion, the place and time for holding the next regular meeting of Presbytery was taken up; when Buffalo Church, in Moore County, N. C., was unanimously chosen as the place, and the time Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in April 1858, at 12 oclock, M.

On motion, Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr.

James Sinclair on Church History, The Sacraments, and Church Government. **J. S. Exam.**

Sustained. Whereupon, on motion, all his examinations were unanimously sustained.

James Campbell. On motion, the Stated Clerk was requested to write to Mr. James Campbell, and enquire, if he still considers himself a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of this Presbytery.

Mr. Archibald McQueen, a candidate for the Ministry under our care, presented his Latin Exegesis, which, on motion, was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. D. Johnson and H. McLean.

Rev. Neill McDonald appeared in Presbytery and assigned a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

On motion, Presbytery had a recess for half an hour.

After recess Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

Order of the day. On motion, the Ordination of Mr. James Sinclair was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon, immediately after recess.

R. E. appear. The following Ruling Elders appeared in Presbytery and their names were enrolled, viz: James P. Hodges, Sardis; W. B. Harrington, Euphronia; James Banks, Fayetteville; James Batton, Macedonia; D. McKenzie, Mineral Spring; A. Currie, Bensalem; John Elliot, China Grove; and D. McMillan, Bluff.

Report of Com. of Conf. Centre Ch. The Committee to whom had been referred the complant of the minority of the Session of Centre Church, in relation to the introduction of instrumental music in said Church, submitted their report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz: That the complainants withdraw their complaint, and are willing to submit the whole matter to the communing members of the Church, the Session with whom the subject belongs having agreed thereto.

Treas. Book. The Treasurer's Book was laid upon the table and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. McKay and Munroe, and Mr. Alexander Kelly, to report thereon.

Free Conv. The hour for the order of the day, viz: Free Conversation on the state of Religion, having arrived, Presbytery proceeded to hear reports from the Churches under their care.

Dr. D. M. Buie. Dr. D. M. Buie, Ruling Elder from Elizabethtown, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Adj. On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY, Oct. 10th.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted by prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

R. E. appear. The following Ruling Elders appeared and their names were enrolled, viz: Messrs. John McDonald, from Big Rockfish, and Robert McKenzie, from Whiteville.

N. C. Pres. Certain resolutions in relation to the "North Carolina Presbyterian" were introduced, and, after some discussion, were modified and adopted, and are as as follows, viz:

Resolved, 1st. That Presbytery reiterate the sentiments expressed last Spring in reference to the establishment of the North Carolina Presbyterian.

2d. That the Ministers, Elders, Membership of the Church, and friends of the enterprise, are requested to secure as large a number of subscribers as possible, and report the result to Rev. George McNeill, at the approaching meeting of Synod, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

James McQ. calls accepted. Mr. James McQueen signified to Presbytery his willingness to accept the calls from Bethesda, Long Street and Sandy Grove Churches, which had been placed in his hands last Spring; whereupon, on motion, Presbytery proceeded to hear his trial Sermon for Ordination, on John xiv. 6: "I am the way,"—which, on motion, was sustained.

Sermon.

Rev. S. Colton. Rev. Simeon Colton, D. D., assigned, by letter, reasons for absence from the present Sessions of Presbytery, which were deemed satisfactory.

Report of Monu. Com. Mr. James Banks, from the Monumental Committee, read a long and interesting report in relation to the life and labors of the Rev. James Campbell, which, on motion, was accepted. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved: That Presbytery have heard with pleasure the Report of the Monumental Committee relative to the erection of a suitable Monument to the memory of Rev. James Campbell, and that it be received with the thanks of Presbytery, and that it be placed in the hands of the Historical Committee for future use. And that the Committee be empowered to procure the services of some two gentlemen, one to deliver a Historical Address, and the other to preach a Centennial Sermon.

His. Com. The Chairman of the Historical Committee made a verbal report, which was accepted.

Sketches asked. Whereupon, it was Resolved, That all Pastors, or Stated Supplies of Churches, from which Historical Sketches have not been obtained, be requested to furnish them forthwith.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met and resumed business.

J. McQueen. On motion, it was Resolved, That the examinations through which Mr. James McQueen had passed, previous to Licensure by this body, be deemed sufficient, and that he be Ordained at this time.

Ordination of Messrs. Sinclair and McQueen. The hour for the order of the day having arrived, viz: The Ordination of Messrs. James Sinclair and James McQueen, the Ordination Sermon was preached, by request, by Rev. Alexander Sinclair, of the Presbytery of Alleghany City, from Phil. iii. 13: "This one thing I do."

The Moderator proposed the Constitutional questions, and set the Brethren apart to their solemn work by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, after which the members of the Presbytery took each of the newly ordained Bishops by the hand, saying, "We give you the right hand of fellowship, to take part of this Ministry with us."

After which the newly ordained Brethren took their seats as members of the Presbytery.

Com's to Install S. and McQ. The following arrangements were made for the Installation of Messrs. Sinclair and McQueen, viz: That Rev. F. K. Nash, and, by request, Rev. John C. Sinclair, of the Presbytery of Alleghany City, and father of Rev. James Sinclair, be a Committee to Install the same pastor of Smyrna Church, on Friday next; and that the latter preach the Sermon and deliver the Charge to the Pastor, and that the former preside, propose the Constitutional questions, and deliver the Charge to the people. **Smyrna.**

Ashpole. And that Rev. Messrs. J. P. McPherson and H. McLean be a Committee to Install Brother Sinclair Pastor of Ashpole Church, at the convenience of the parties; that the former preach the Sermon, preside and propose the constitutional questions, and that the latter deliver the charges to Pastor and people.

Sandy Grove. And that Rev. Messrs. A. Gilchrist and H. McAlister be Committee to Install Rev. James McQueen pastor of Sandy Grove Church, at the convenience of the parties; and that the former preach the Sermon, preside and propose the Constitutional questions, and that the latter deliver the Charges to Pastor and people.

Bethesda. And that Rev. Messrs. D. D. McBryde and N. McKay be Committee to Install Brother McQueen Pastor of Bethesda Church, at the convenience of the parties; that the former preach the Sermon, preside and propose the constitutional questions, and that the latter deliver the Charges to Pastor and people.

Long Street. And that Rev. Messrs. H. McNeill and M. McQueen be Committee to Install him Pastor of Long Street Church, at the convenience of the parties; that the former preach the Sermon, preside and propose the constitutional questions, and that the latter deliver the Charges to Pastor and people.

Treas. book. The Committee appointed on the Treasurer's Book submitted their Report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Report. "The Committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's Book, report: That they find an exhibit accompanying the Book, showing an aggregate amount in the Treasurer's hands, Oct. 1, 1857, of $597 27

Due Education Fund,	$121 65	
Board of Publication,	79 64	
Contingent Fund,	98 56	
Church Extension,	46 81	
Domestic Missions,	204 25	
In all,	$550 91	$550 91
		$46 36

Leaving a balance of $46 36 not referred to any account. In other respects, the Book seems to be correctly kept. The Committee find vouchers for all moneys paid out, except for $263 74 for Foreign Missions, for which the Treasurer has not yet received a receipt.

(Signed,) NEILL McKAY, H. A. MUNROE, ALEX. KELLY, } Committee."

J. Darrach. The following trial pieces were assigned to Mr. J. Darrach, viz:

Popular Lecture, 23d Psalm.
Popular Sermon, Acts xiii. 28.
Latin Exegesis on the term, *O Logos.*
Critical Exercise, Psalm xix. 7—14.

On motion, the Committee on Domestic Missions were directed to apply to the Board of Domestic Missions to renew the Commission of Rev. D. T. Towles, and that the Board be requested to furnish aid to the amount of $200 for Keith, Mt. Edwards, Mt. Williams, and Long Creek.

The Treasurer *pro tem.* submitted his Report, which was accepted and is as follows, viz:

Report of Treas. pro tem.

"Through Rev. D. T. Towles, for Domestic Missions, from Mt. Edwards $9, from Long Creek $7,	$16 00
Through Rev. M. McQueen, for Foreign Missions, from Mizpeh Church	1 50
	$17 50

(Signed,) W. N. WHITTED, Treas'r *pro tem.*"

On motion, Mr. Whitted was requested to pay over the above money to Mr. James Martine, the Treasurer of Presbytery.

Latin Exegesis of A. McQ.

"The Committee to whom was referred the Latin Exegesis of Mr. Archibald McQueen, report: They have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend that this be sustained as one of his trial pieces preparatory to his Licensure.

(Signed,) DANIEL JOHNSON, H. McLEAN, } Committee."

This Report was accepted and adopted.

Narrative.

The Committee on the Narrative submitted their Report, which was accepted and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod. It is as follows, viz:

"*Narrative of the State of Religion in the bounds of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, to the Synod of North Carolina.*

We, as a Presbytery, feel that we have great cause of thankfulness to God for the goodness and mercy which He has vouchsafed to us during the past year. Almost all of our Churches are in a healthy, growing condition.

With one or two exceptions, peace and unity prevail in a remarkable degree. In most of our Congregations there has been a larger attendance on the worship of the Sanctuary than usual.

Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes have been conducted with encouraging success in many of our

Narrative. Churches. In some of the Congregations there are as many as three flourishing Sabbath Schools. It is to be regretted that in some of the Churches there are no Sabbath Schools or Bible Classes. About the usual amounts have been contributed to the benevolent enterprises of the Church, and the Bible Society.

There has been an increased attention to the spiritual instruction of the colored people of our Congregations, and as the result, under God, many of them have become hopefully pious and have been received into the Church.

Before concluding our Narrative, we would record, with gratitude, the fact, that a few of our Churches are at this time enjoying a precious season of refreshing. What may be the extent and power of this gracious work, we know not, but we devoutly pray that it may continue and extend till all our Churches will become sharers in it.

DANIEL JOHNSON,
(Signed,) H. A. MUNROE, } Committee."
W. N. WHITTED,

Min. G. A. The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly submitted a *verbal* Report, which was accepted.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical Report to Synod, which was accepted and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod, and is as follows, viz:

Statistical report to Synod. "The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina: That at present they consist of 24 Ministers, and have under their care 4 Licentiates, 5 Candidates for the Ministry, and 58 Churches: That on the 11th day of April 1857, they licensed Mr. John Calvin McNair as a probationer for the Gospel Ministry: That they have installed Rev. Neill McDonald Pastor of Big Rockfish and St. Paul's Churches: That on the 8th day of October 1857, they received Mr. James Sinclair by letter from the Presbytery of Ohio: That on the 9th day of the same month, they restored to Mr. John L. McIver his Licensure to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy Ministry: That on the 10th day of the same month, they ordained to the work of the holy Ministry Messrs. James Sinclair and James McQueen, and appointed Committees to install them Pastors of their respective Churches.

JAMES P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

The following arrangement was made for the supply of our vacant Churches, viz: That Rev. Messrs. Munroe, Shaw, McDonald and Grier each supply Whiteville one Sabbath at discretion.

Supplies.

That Rev. Messrs. McDonald, McLean, McPherson and Sinclair each supply Lumberton one Sabbath at discretion.

That Rev. Messrs. Gilchrist and McBryde supply Bethlehem one Sabbath at discretion.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

Vote of thanks.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Presbytery are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Congregation of Centre, for their very kind hospitality in entertaining the members of this body during their present Sessions, and that the Pastor be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit.

The Minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Buffalo Church, Moore County, N. C., on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in April 1858, at 12 o'clock, M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

JAMES P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

NOTE.

It will be perceived, that the Presbytery failed to pass an order to print the Minutes, which, it is supposed, resulted from an oversight at the time. Believing this to be the fact, the Stated Clerk, after having consulted with several of the Brethren, has concluded to have them published as usual.

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MINUTES.

Bluff Church, Cumberland County, N. C.,
October 20th, 1858.

Opening Sermon.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. D. T. Towles, the last Moderator, from 1 Peter ii: : 6, "Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded."

Ministers present.

After sermon, Presbytery came to order and was constituted by prayer. Present, Rev. Messrs. Adam Gilchrist, Hector McLean, Hector McNeill, J. P. McPherson, Hugh A. Munroe, Colin Shaw, Matthew B. Grier, Neill McDonald, D. T. Towles, D. D. McBryde, Martin McQueen and James Sinclair.

R. E.'s present.

Ruling Elders present: Messrs. James Banks, Fayetteville; A. McMillan, Philadelphus; Laughlin McNeill Montpelier; J. W. Cromartie, Elizabethtown; W. J. Cromartie, South River; Jas. Murphy, Black River W. J. Chapel; R. W. Gibbs, Wilmington; Alexander McKay, Sharon; David McNeill, Bluff; Jas. P. Hodges, Sardis; A. R. McDonald, Carthage; Duncan Shaw, Galatia; Isaac H. Roan, Union (in Moore;) J. D. Watson, Lebanon; Duncan Malloy, Lumberbridge; and John McDonald, Big Rockfish.

Ministers abs.

Ministers absent: Rev. Messrs. Robert Tate, Simeon Colton, D. D., Samuel Paisley, F. K. Nash, Neill McKay, George M. Gibbs, D. B. Black, D. Johnson, Hector McAlister, James M. Sprunt, George McNeill and James McQueen.

Mod & Clerks.

On motion, Rex. Martin McQueen was elected Moderator, and Messrs. Duncan Shaw and A. R. McDonald temporary Clerks.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery was dispensed with.

Rev. J. C. Sinclair.

A letter of dismission, granted by the Presbytery of Allegheny City to Rev. John C. Sinclair, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Fayetteville, was read, and after the usual examination, he was received as a member of this body.

Rev. N. McKay.

Rev. Neill McKay appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

R. E.'s appear.

Messrs. Kenneth Murchison from Tirza, R. N. Buie from Buffalo, and R. B. Carr from the Grove, appeared in Presbytery and took their seats.

Call for Rev. J. C. Sinclair.

A call from Galatia church, for the pastoral services of Rev. John C. Sinclair for three-fourths of his time, was presented and read; and being found in order, was placed in his hands and accepted by him.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery came to order and proceeded to business.

Rev. Adam Gilchrist.

Rev. Adam Gilchrist rendered his reasons for absence from the last two regular meetings of Presbytery, and also from the adjourned meeting at Ashpole, which were received as satisfactory.

J. B. Graham.

John B. Graham, Ruling Elder from Bethesda church, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Rev. J. W. Major.

On motion, Rev. John W. Major, of the Presbytery of Gennessee River, was invited to take his seat as a corresponding member.

Rev. S. Colton.

Rev. Simeon Colton, D. D., appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Moore's Creek church.

The committee appointed to organize a church at Moore's Creek, New Hanover county, reported: "That on the 9th day of July, 1858, and after a free conference, the way seemed clear. They proceeded to organize a church by the election and installation of Messrs. B. Cliombach and J. B. Colvin, Ruling Elners. Eighteen members were received on certificate from Black River Chapel and one from Long Creek. The church to be known as Moore's Creek, and assessed $3.

[Signed:] C. SHAW, Chairman."

This report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. F. K. Nash appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mt. Zion church received.

The committee appointed to organize a church at Zion, Duplin County, reported: "That they met at that place on Saturday the 26th day of June 1858, and the way being considered clear (there being no objection urged by Rockfish or the Grove, or from any other source, and it being considered that it was surrounded by material of which a self-sustaining church could be built) proceeded to organize a church there by receiving by letter from Rockfish, Mary A. Mallard, Susan Mallard, Bathsheba Mallard, James W. Boney, Mary P. Boney, Dan'l. T. Boney, Catharine Boney and Susan Sloan.

From the Grove by letter, Barbara Mallard and Gibson S. Carr; from Bethel church by letter Catharine M. Boney and on examination, T. W. Boney, Gibson S. Carr and James W. Boney were appointed Ruling Elders, James W. Boney having been an Elder at Rockfish was installed. Gibson S. Carr was ordained and installed. All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Signed:] R. N. CARR,
One of the committee."

On motion, this report was accepted and adopted, and the church was ordered to be enrolled as Mount Zion and assessed $3.

Rev. Jas. McQueen—Bethesda.

The committee appointed to install Rev. James McQueen Pastor of Bethesda church, reported they had performed that duty on the 10th day of October, 1858.

Egypt.

The committee appointed to organize a church at Egypt, submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz: "The committee appointed to organize a church at Egypt, Report, that the way does not appear to be open for such an organization and beg to be discharged." They were accordingly discharged.

R. E.'s appear.

Dugald C. McIntyre of Lumberton and Dr. John Malloy of Centre appeared in Presbytery and their names were enrolled.

A. McQueen.

On motion, Presbytery proceeded to hear the popular sermon of Mr. Archibald McQueen, a candidate under our care, on the text previously assigned him, viz: Galatians vi: 14. "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

Sermon.

Lecture.

Mr. McQueen also read a popular Lecture on the 23d Psalm.

Examination.

On motion, the Presbytery then proceeded to examine him on theology, ecclesiastical history and church government.

On motion, the further examination of Mr. McQueen was postponed until to-morrow morning.

Rev. Jas. McQueen.

Rev. James McQueen appeared in Presbytery, and rendered his excuse for tardiness, which excuse was not sustained.

Report of the Monumental Committee.

The committee on the Campbell Monument made their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows viz:

"The Monumental Committee report, that under the resolution of Presbytery they have engaged from Mr. George Lauder a monument at a cost of five hundred dollars.

The base of the monument is already laid and Mr. Lauder has on the ground a plan, or drawing of the whole, which will be exhibited to Presbytery to-morrow. The amount received in cash is $157, in subscriptions $106, and as yet half of the churches have paid nothing. The committee recommend that the order of exercises on to-morrow be the following, viz: The services in the church to be introduced by the pastor of the Bluff church, Rev. D. D. McBryde at 10½ o'clock, A. M.; Sermon by Rev. Neill McKay. The closing exercises by Rev. Adam Gilchrist, after which there will be a recess of half an hour. A procession will then be formed near the stand by the members of Presbytery and the session of the Bluff church and move to the monument.

The services there to be commenced by prayer by the Rev. Simeon Colton, D. D. A box containing a copy of the Holy Bible, Confession of Faith and two numbers of the North Carolinia Presbyterian, &c., will be deposited in the base of the monument by the Moderator.

The Centennial Historical Address will then be delivered by James Banks, Esq. After the delivery of this address a collection will be taken up, and subscriptions will be received by the Elders of the Bluff church to assist in defraying the expenses of the monument. The services to be closed by singing the Doxology and the Benediction.

[Signed:] D. D. McBRYDE, Chairman.
October 20th, 1858.

M. McIntosh.

Milton McIntosh, Elder from Laurel Hill, appeared and took his seat.

John Elliott.

John Elliott, an Elder from China Grove, who had not been regularly elected by his session, appeared in Presbytery, and it was moved and seconded that Mr. Elliott take a seat in Presbytery as a member, which motion was lost.

Mount Edwards

The committee appointed at last Presbytery to examine a case from Mt. Edwards church, submitted their report, which was accepted and, after some amendments, adopted, and is as follows, viz: "James Kerr and James E Hall, Elders, with the undersigned, having been appointed a committee to examine into the facts of a case from Mt. Edwards church, beg leave to report to Presbytery, that they met at that church on the Saturday before the first Sabbath in September, when, all the parties being present, the circumstances were found to be as follows, viz: It appeared that Mrs. Julia Johnson, a member of the church at Mt. Edwards, having applied for a letter of dismission to Hopewell, the session, at their next meeting, on the 12th of January last, not regarding her as in good and regular standing, brought certain charges against her, and in reply to her application, furnished her with a copy of the same, and cited her to trial. Mrs. Johnson failed to appear, and for various reasons not necessary now to be enumerated, the session referred the whole matter to Presbytery, when this committee was appointed to examine and report.

On referring to the charges as specified, your committee found, that though the circumstances on which the charges were founded, were well known to the church from the first, they had neglected to bring said charges within the time specified in our Book of Discipline, nearly two years having elapsed since the alleged offence had been committed.

Your committee, therefore,, did not feel authorized to examine farther into the merits of the case, being of opinion that no charges having been tabled against Mrs. Johnson previous to her application for a letter of dismission, nor anything alleged against her during the year preceding, the same ought to have been granted.

All which your committee respectfully report.

[Sigued:] JAS. M. SPRUNT, Chairman.

Kenansville, 14th October, 1858.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned until half past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed by prayer.

Thursday Morning, 9½ o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. S. Colton's Report. Rev. Simeon Colton, D. D., submitted a report, as commissioner to the General Assembly, which was received and ordered to be placed on file.

H. McAlister. Rev. H. McAlister appeared in Presbytery and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

G. M. Gibbs. Rev. George M. Gibbs appeared in Presbytery and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

W. McDugald. William McDugald, Elder from Barbecue church, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

L. C. Graves. Mr. L. C. Graves, an Elder from Clinton, appeared, and not having been regularly appointed, he was not admitted as a member.

Laurinburgh. A petition for the organization of a church at Laurinburgh was presented, read and, on motion, made the order of the day for 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Arch. McQueen. On motion, the examination of Mr. Archibald McQueen was resumed, when he read a critical exercise on Acts xvii: 22—27.

Committee on Hebrew. On motion, Rev. Messrs. J. C. Sinclair and C. Shaw were appointed a committee to examine Mr. McQueen on Hebrew.

Centenary Sermon. The hour having arrived for the public exercises of the day, the Centenary Sermon was preached by Rev. Neill McKay from Deuteronomy xxxii: 7, "Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee: thy elders, and they will tell thee."

R. E's appear. Alexander McRae, Jr., of Smyrna, and John Everitt, of Everitsville, appeared and took their seats.

Rev. J. Nott. Rev. John Nott, D. D., of the Reformed Dutch church, a member of the Classis of Schenectady, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

Procession. After that a procession was formed near the stand, and marched to the Campbell Monument; a prayer was offered by Rev. Simeon Colton, D. D.; the Moderator deposited a copy of the Holy Bible, Confession of Faith, and two numbers of the North Carolina Presbyterian, &c., in the base of the monument. The procession then entered the church, when the Centennial Historical Address was delivered by Jas. Banks, Esquire.

Rev. George McNeill appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. Rev. G. MNeill.

On motion, the subject of Domestic Missions was made the order of the day for 1 o'clock P. M. to-morrow. Dom. Missions.

On motion, the licensure of Mr. Archibald McQueen was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. A. McQueen.

R. W. Gibbs was appointed Treasurer pro tem. Treas. pro tem.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz: Vote of thanks.

Resolved, That this Presbytery have listened with great gratification to the able historical discourse and address this day delivered, and, with thanks given to both speakers, do hereby request a copy of each performance for publication under the direction of the Monumental Committee, for the benefit of the Monumental fund.

A circular letter from the Committee of the General Assembly for the relief of disabled clergymen, and the widows and orphans of such as have died in the work, was read and referred to the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Alexander McKay asked and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery. Leave of abs.

Rev. Messrs. John C. Sinclair and James Sinclair obtained leave of absence after 1 o'clock to-morrow, and Rev. Hector McLean and A. McMillan after 11 o'clock to-morrow, and Mr. James Murphy after this evening.

The committee appointed to visit Smyrna church reported, which report was accepted and adopted, and the complainants have leave to withdraw their complaint. Com. Smyrna.

On motion, Presbytery proceeded to fix the place and time of the next regular meeting, when Lumberbridge, in Robeson county, was chosen as the place, and the time, for the present, was placed on the docket. Place of next meeting.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned until half past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

D. B. Black. Rev. Duncan B. Black appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

J. W. Carr. J. W. Carr, Elder from Rockfish, appeared and took his seat.

Duncan Shaw. Duncan Shaw obtained leave of absence after one o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. Willis L. Miller. Rev. W. L. Miller, of Orange Presbytery, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member

Sabbath. On motion, three o'clock this afternoon was made the order of the day to hear the sermon on the sanctification of the Sabbath by Rev. Hugh A. Monroe.

Laurinburgh. Ten o'clock having arrived, Presbytery took up the order of the day, viz : The petition for the organization of a church at Laurinburgh, which was again read, when it was moved and seconded that said petition be granted. After some discussion on the subject, Presbytery took a recess of five minutes to meet in the session-house.

After recess Presbytery met and resumed the consideration of the petition from Laurinburgh.

Eleven o'clock having arrived, the order of the day for that hour, viz: the licensure of Mr. Archibald McQueen, was, on motion postponed until quarter before 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Committee on Laurinburgh. On motion, it was ordered that a committee of six be appointed to go to Laurinburgh and investigate the facts of the case and report to Presbytery.

On motion, the order of the day for one o'clock viz: the subject of Domestic Missions was postponed until after recess. Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

Minutes of Assembly. The committe to whom the consideration of the minutes of the General Assembly was submitted made their report, which was accepted and placed on the docket.

Licensure of A. McQueen. The order of the day for this hour, viz: the subject of Domestic Missions, was, on, motion postponed for the licensure of Mr. Archibald McQueen. The committee appointed to examine Mr. McQueen on Hebrew, reported that they had examined him and were satisfied of his proficiency.

On motion, the examination of Mr. McQueen was sustained in all things, whereupon the Moderator propounded the usual questions, and the said Archibald McQueen was duly and regularly licensed to preach the Gospel.

Dom. Missions.

The committee on Domestic Missions made their report, including the report of the Evangelist, which was accepted, and after some discussion, was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Sermon by Rev. H. A. Munroe

Rev. H. A. Monroe preached a sermon on the sanctification of the Sabbath from Nehemiah xiii: 18 "Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the Sabbath."

Leave of Absence.

John B. Graham, Laughlin McNeill, Milton McIntosh, Rev. Simeon Colton, D. D., John McDonald, Dougald C. McIntyre, and Isaac H. Roan obtained leave of absence after this evening. It was moved and seconded, that the vote of Presbytery on the Laurinburgh question be reconsidered, which motion was lost.

Greenwood & Big Juniper.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the memorials to establish churches at Greenwood and Big Juniper, reported their proceedings, which report was accepted; and, on motion, the report was divided, and that portion of it, recommending the appointment of a committee to organize a church at Greenwood, if the way be clear, was adopted.

Rev. Messrs. Neill McKay, and J. C. Sinclair, with Messrs. John Dalrymple, and William McDugald constituted this Committee.

Laurel Hill.

Resolved, That an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held at Laurel Hill church, Richmond county, on Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath in December next, at 12 o'clock, M.

It was also

Newbern.

Resolved, That when this Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet at Newbern during the sessions of the Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at half past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, 9½ o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

New Book. On motion, the Stated Clerk was authorized to purchase a new blank book for Presbyterial Records, and draw upon the Treasurer for the amount.

Indices. The Stated Clerk announced to Presbytery that four volumes of our Records had no indices, whereupon he was directed to prepare the same, and receive a due compensation for his labor.

Time of next meeting. *Resolved*, That Thursday before the second Sabbath in April, 1859, at 12 o'clock M., be the time for the next regular meeting of Presbytery at Lumber-bridge church.

Free conversation. On motion, Presbytery took up the subject of a free conversation on the state of religion, when very encouraging reports were heard from our churches.

Pending these exercises, Presbytery had a recess of five minutes to meet in the session-house.

After recess, Presbytery met and completed the conversation on the state of religion.

Duncan Malloy obtained leave of absence.

The Committee on the Narrative submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

The year which has just closed has been marked by great and unusual interest upon the subject of religion within the bounds of this Presbytery. In common with many parts of our land, we have shared in the great revival of the year, and in reviewing all we must say, "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The Spirit of God has been largely poured out upon our churches, and many gratifying accessions have been made. Of these accessions, Presbytery are glad to state that many are men of acknowledged standing and influence in the communities in which they live, and very many of them are youth, the baptised children of the church, and others. It is, further, a subject of congratulation that these young persons seem to have entered upon the Christian life with unusual vigor and decision, giving promise of great usefulness in the church, and to the generation in which they are called to act. Nor can we refrain from expressing the hopeful expectation that from these youth not a few will be called to serve God in the ministry of the gospel, and thus the results of the present revival be visible through many succeeding years. It is proper for Presbytery to say that quite a number of the additions to the churches have been from the colored people, showing that God is calling us to more enlarged and earnest efforts, in this great and much neglected field, and that large harvests may, through the blessing of God, be gathered therefrom.

There is a greatly renewed interest in the churches on the subject of Domestic Missions. This has followed the action of the Presbytery at its Spring meeting, and the appointment of an Evangelist to explore, and, as he might be able, to supply the great destitutions in our Presbyterial territory. This interest is growing, as is shown by the fact that the contributions to the cause have been, in the past six months, nearly double what they were during the whole year previous, and it is our persuasion that the full results of the year will show that our churches are abundantly able and willing to do what God is evidently calling us to do, in this important and most necessary work.

Another fruit of the presence of the Holy Spirit with us, as we believe, is the healing of old divisions in our churches, and in the abatement of strife between their members. God is giving us peace, and we gladly acknowledge this as a proof of His abundant and unremitted goodness. May the God of peace make this blessing universal.

Several of the congregations of the Presbytery are re-building their houses of worship, and some new churches have been erected. We note it, also, as a fact of interest that the style of our church buildings is improving, and that there is a desire manifested to provide accommodations for the colored part of our people, in both the new and old churches.

There are doubtless reasons for lamentation and penitence because of manifold shortcomings, both in our ministry and people, but we feel that the general strain of our narrative should be one of devout acknowledgement and hearty praise. We feel that God has greatly blessed us, and we would not obey the dictates of our own hearts, or give what is due to our Heavenly Father for all his mercies, if we did not take up a song of thanksgiving, and bless the name of the Lord. Verily, God has been good to us, and we record His goodness with glad and grateful hearts.

Recurring thus to the past, and rehearsing with sincere thankfulness God's dealing with us as a Presbytery, we address ourselves to the work of the future with renewed interest, and hope that we will be permitted in the coming year to witness greater things done for our Church by its covenant keeping Head.

All of which is respectfully submitted. M. B. GRIER, Chairman.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

On motion, the demission of the ministry was postponed until our next spring sessions.

The following committee was appointed to install Rev. John C. Sinclair pastor of Galatia church, viz: Rev. F. K. Nash to preach the sermon, Rev. James Sinclair deliver the charge to the people, and Rev. A. Gilchrist preside, propose the constitutional questions, and deliver the charge to the pastor.

The committee to revise the committees for the examination of candidates for the ministry, submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz: Examining committees.

"Your committee, appointed to revise the committees on examination, beg leave to submit the following report: As they were unable to lay their hands on the old committees, they have appointed the following, viz:

1. Committee on Languages—Rev. Messrs. Simeon Colton, D. D., H. McLean and James McQueen. Languages.

2. Committee on the Arts and Sciences—Rev. Messrs. D. Johnson, James M. Sprunt, D. D. McBryde and James Sinclair. Arts, &c.

3. Committee on Theology, Natural and Revealed—Rev. Messrs. A. Gilchrist, F. K. Nash, C. Shaw and John C. Sinclair. Theology.

4. Committee on Ecclesiastical History—Rev. Messrs. M. B. Grier, N. McKay, George McNeill and D. T. Towles. E. History.

5. Committee on Sacraments—Rev. Messrs. J. P. McPherson, H. McAlister, D. B. Black and N. McDonald. Sacraments.

6. Committee on Church Government—Rev. Mes- Church Gov't.

srs. H. A. Munroe, H. McAlister, H. McNeill, G. M. Gibbs and M. McQueen.

All of which is respecfully submitted.

[Signed:] M. McQUEEN, Chairman."

Com. to report on acc'nts. of Treas'r, pro. tem.

The committee appointed to investigate the accounts of the Treasurer pro tem. of last Presbytery, reported, which report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"The committee to whom was referred the investigation of the accounts of the Treasurer pro tem. of last Presbytery, beg leave to report: That they have attended to the same, and that they find a discrepancy between the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery and the Treasurer pro tem. of $12.44, which error cannot now be corrected, believing the error to be in marking some churches paid, which had not paid, and that the Treasurer pro tem. paid over the actual amount collected, as per his report, and not as per list of collections as marked.

We therefore, recommend, that the Treasurer pro tem be credited with said amount $12. 44, and farther that we are authorized by Mr. Elliott to say said amount may be placed to account of Domestic Missions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Signed:] R. W. GIBBS,
JOHN EVERETT, } Committee."

R. E's and D's.

Resolved, That Presbytery enjoin upon all their pastors and stated supplies to preach a sermon annually on the duties of Ruling Elders and Deacons.

B. R. C. vacant.

The pastoral relation between Rev. George M. Gibbs, and Black River Chapel was dissolved, the church having yielded its assent to the same, and Rev. D. T. Towles was directed to preach there and inform the people of this action.

On motion, it was

Minutes to be published.

Resolved, That 400 copies of the Minutes of this Presbytery be published in pamphlet form and distributed among the members and churches.

Little River.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to organize a church on Little River in the upper part of Richmond county, if the way be clear, viz: Rev. Messrs. M. McQueen, James McQueen, and D. D. McBryde, with Messrs. Alexander Martin, and Alexander McKay, Ruling Elders.

Mr. John Darrach, a candidate for the ministry under our care, requested a letter of dismission to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of New

Brunswick, which on motion, was granted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish Mr. Darrach with the necessary papers.

S. C. Robertson, a candidate for the ministry under our care, was permitted, at his own request, to withdraw from the care of Presbytery, and his name was stricken from the roll of candidates. **S. C. Robertson.**

On motion, the report of the Committee on Domestic Missions was taken up. **Dom. Missions.**

Resolved, That the request of the Board be granted, viz: "That all payments for missionary services be made *by draft*, from the office of the Board on your" (our) "Presbyterial Treasurer, on receipt of reports from the missionaries."

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Domestic Missions be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Resolved, unanimously, That the hearty thanks of Presbytery are due and are hereby tendered to the congregation of the Bluff church, for their kindness and hospitality, and that Rev. D. D. McBryde make known the same to them. **Vote of thanks.**

On motion, the vote adopting the report of the Committee on Domestic Missions was reconsidered. **Do. Mis. re-considered.**

Rev. Neill McDonald obtained leave of absence.

After some discussion on the subject of Domestic Missions, the report of the committee was again adopted, and is as follows, viz: "The Committee of Domestic Missions would report to Presbytery, that they have in the field two missionaries—one laboring in Goldsboro' and Everettsville, aided by the committee to the amount of 150 dollars; the other in New Hanover county, laboring in the churches of Long Creek, Keith, Mt. Edwards and Mt. Williams, aided by the committee to the amount of $200. These salaries were fixed by Presbytery previous to the appointment of the committee. **Report.**

The Evangelist elected by Presbytery commenced his labors the 1st of August, 1858, and was directed to visit first the vacant churches with a view to getting them supplied, and afterwards the destitute parts in the bounds of Presbytery.

The Evangelist presented a report of his labors, which was read and ordered to be presented, with the report of the committee, to Presbytery.

[Signed:] GEO. M. GIBBS, Chairman."

Resolved, That the Committee on Domestic Mis- **Carolina City.**

sions take steps for locating a missionary at, or near, Carolina City so soon as the way shall be open.

Treas. pro. tem.

The Treasurer pro tem. submitted his report, which was accepted, and, on motion, he was directed to pay over to the Treasurer of Presbytery, Mr. James Martine, the funds in his hands.

Statistical Rep.

The following is the Statistical Report to Synod, which was adopted, viz: The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that at present they consist of twenty-five ministers, and have under their care five licentiates, four candidates for the ministry and sixty churches; that on the 16th day of October, 1857, they installed Rev. James Sinclair pastor of Smyrna church, and that on the 31st of the same month, they installed him pastor of Ashpole church; that on the 27th day of March, 1858, they installed Rev. James McQueen pastor of Sandy Grove church, and that on the 3rd day of April, 1858, they installed him pastor of Longstreet church; that on the 10th day of the same month they licensed Mr. N. T. Bowden to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry; that on the 19th day of January, 1858, they lost by death, in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland, Mr. John Calvin McNair, a licentiate under our care; that on the 10th day of October, 1858, they installed Mr. James McQueen pastor of Bethesda church; that on the 20th day of the same month they received Rev. John C. Sinclair by letter from the Presbytery of Alleghany City, Pa.; that on the same day they received under their care the newly organized churches of Moore's Creek and Mt. Zion; that on the 22nd of the same month they licensed Mr. Archibald McQueen to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry; and that on the 23rd of the same month they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Geo. M. Gibbs and Black River Chapel, and declared said church vacant.

By order of the Presbytery:

JAMES P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

The minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Newbern during the sessions of Synod at the call of the Moderator.

Closed by prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

JAMES P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Newbern, N. C., November 18th, 1858.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met at the call of the Moderator and was constituted by prayer.

Present: Rev. Messrs. Simeon Colton, D. D., Hector McLean, Hector McNeill, J. P. McPherson, H. A. Munroe, Neill McKay, Colin Shaw, G. M. Gibbs, M. B. Grier, Neill McDonald, James M. Sprunt, D. T. Towles, M. McQueen, James Sinclair and James McQueen.

Ruling Elders present: Messrs. George McNeill, Fayetteville; R. W. Gibbs, Wilmington; Archibald Graham, Big Rockfish; R. B. Carr, Grove; Angus Kelly, Carthage; J. W. Boney, Mt. Zion; and J. W. Carr, Rockfish.

Ministers absent; Rev. Messrs. R. Tate, Samuel Paisley, Adam Gilchrist, F. K. Nash, D. B. Black, Daniel Johnson, Hector McAlister, George McNeill, and D. D. McBryde.

Rev. D. T. Towles was requested to act as temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Domestic Missions made the following report on supplies, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

White Plains—Rev. Messrs. C. Shaw, H. A. Munroe, and H. McLean.

Black River Chapel—Rev. Messrs. C. Shaw and J. M. Sprunt.

Lumberton—Rev. Messrs. James Sinclair, McDonald and McPherson.

Mt. Pisgah—Rev. Messrs. McBryde, J. C. Sinclair and Mr. G. A. Russell.

Whiteville—Rev. Messrs. Grier, McPherson and McDonald.

Mt. Zion—Rev. Messrs. Tate, Sprunt and Shaw.

Bethlehem—Rev. Messrs. Gilchrist, McBryde and J. C. Sinclair.

Ben-Salem—Messrs. G. A. Russell and N. T. Bowden.

Mineral Spring—Rev. J. McQueen and Mr. N. T. Bowden.

Mr. George A. Russell, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Orange, was received by letter as a candidate under our care.

A joint call from the churches of Union (in Moore) and Carthage for the pastoral services of Mr. George A. Russell, was presented and read, and being found in order, was, on motion, placed in his hands.

Mr. Russell having signified his willingness to accept said call, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Carthage, on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in January, 1859, at 12 o'clock M., to ordain and install Mr. Russell pastor of said churches, should the way be clear. And

That Rev. Neill McKay preach the sermon, Rev. Simeon Colton, D. D. deliver the charge to the pastor, and Rev. J. P. McPherson deliver the charge to the people.

On motion, Mr. Russell was directed to prepare a sermon on Romans viii: 1, as one of his trial exercises for ordination.

The following alternates were appointed, viz: Rev. M. B. Grier to Rev. N. McKay, Rev. N. McDonald to Rev. J. P. McPherson, and Rev. H. McLean to Ree. S. Colton, D. D.

A petition, praying for the organization of a second Presbyterian church in the town of Wilmington, was presented and read; whereupon, on motion, said petition was granted, and the following committee was appointed to organize said church, if the way be clear, viz: Rev. Messrs. M. B. Grier, James Sinclair and George McNeill, with Messrs. R. W. Gibbs and Geo. McNeill, Ruling Elders.

The following is the committee to visit Laurinburgh, viz: Rev. Messrs. A. Gilchrist, N. McDonald and F. K. Nash, with Messrs. James Banks, Arch'd Smith and Alexander Buie, Ruling Elders.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

NEWBERN, N. C., November 19th, 1858.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator and was constituted by prayer.

Present as on yesterday. The following Ruling Elders appeared and their names were enrolled, viz: Messrs. J. K. Dyer, Goldsboro'; J. B. Pigford, Mt. Edwards, N. T. Harris, Mt. Horeb; and Col. Neill Kelly, Brown Marsh.

The following paper in relation to the licensure of Mr: John L. McIver was read, accepted and adopted, viz:

Whereas, the Records of this Presbytery, in the case of John L. McIver, have been referred back by Synod to the Presbytery for a fuller statement of the facts of the case, the Presbytery would respectfully present the following statement, to-wit: Mr. John L. McIver was originally licensed by the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and dismissed to the Presbytery of Concord, and by that Presbytery dismissed to the Presbytery of Harmony, Synod of South Carolina. By that Presbytery his licensure was recalled. After some years he was admitted as a member of the Buffalo church, in the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and on the 9th day of October, 1857, his licensure was restored to him, without regular examination by this Presbytery. It is due to him to state, that, at that time, he was, and had been for years, a member in good standing in one of our churches, and had borne no relation to the Presbytery of Harmony.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville, entertaining grave doubts of the regularity of their proceedings in this case, present the facts, as above stated, to the Synod of North Carolina, and respectfully ask such decision, as Synod in its wisdom may see fit to make.

Ordered, that the Stated Clerk of Presbytery present this paper to the Synod.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

Newbern, N. C., Nov. 19th, 1858.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator and was constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to correspond with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Harmony, S. C., to ascertain what, if any, relation Mr. John L. McIver sustains to that Presbytery.

Resolved, also, That the session of Buffalo church be directed to transmit to this Presbytery, at their next sessions, to be held at Lumberbridge church, all the documents that may be in their possession in relation to the aforesaid John L. McIver.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Laurel Hill church, Richmond county, N. C., on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in December, 1858, at 12 o'clock M.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Laurel Hill, Richmond County, N. C.,
December 1st, 1857.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

Present: Rev. Messrs. H. McLean, H. McNeill, J. P. McPherson, F. K. Nash, Daniel Johnson, Neill McDonald, D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen and James Sinclair. Mins. present.

Ruling Elders: Archibald McMillan, Philadelphus; Milton McIntosh, Laurel Hill; Laughlin McNeill, Montpelier; Dr. John Malloy, Centre; James Watson, Lebanon; and Alexander McRae, Jr., Smyrna. R. E's present.

Ministers absent: Rev. Messrs. Robert Tate, Simeon Colton, D. D., Samuel Paisley, Adam Gilchrist, Hugh A. Munroe, Neill McKay, Colin Shaw, George M. Gibbs, M. B. Grier, Duncan B. Black, Hector McAlister, James M. Sprunt, George McNeill, Daniel T. Towles and James McQueen. Mins. absent.

On motion, Rev. James Sinclair was requested to act as temporary Clerk. Temp'ry Clerk.

On motion, the petition praying for the organization of a church at Laurinburgh was taken up, when said petition was read. Laurinburgh.

It was then moved that said petition be granted.

Pending the discussion, Rev. John W. Major, of the Presbytery of Gennessee River, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

After a lengthy discussion, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. D. D. McBryde and Neill McDonald, and Dr. John Malloy, were appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the views of Presbytery. Granted.

A. Ray. Mr. A. Ray, a communing member of the church, was introduced to Presbytery, desiring to be taken under their care as a candidate for the ministry.

He was examined on experimental religion and his motives in seeking the ministry, which examination was sustained, and his name was ordered to be enrolled as a candidate for the ministry.

Report of Com. on Laurinb'h. The following is the report of the committee in reference to the Laurinburgh petition, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"The committee appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the views of Presbytery relative to the petition from Laurinburgh, praying Presbytery to grant them a church organization, would submit the following: That Presbytery, believing it would be for the peace and prosperity of the church, and for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, do grant them a church organization—it being understood, however, that the motives for granting the petition rest upon the merits of the case, and not upon all the reasons set forth in the petition.

[Signed:] D. D. McBRYDE,
NEILL McDONALD, } Com."
JOHN MALLOY,

Notice of complaint. Rev. J. P. McPherson gave notice for himself and Milton McIntosh, of their intention to complain to the Synod of North Carolina of the foregoing decision, and that said complaint, with the reasons annexed, would be placed in the Moderator's hands in due time.

Com. to organize a church at Laurinb'h. The following committee was appointed to organize a church at Laurinburgh, if the way be clear, viz: Rev. Messrs. F. K. Nash, D. Johnson and James Sinclair, with Ruling Elders Alexander McRae, Jr., and Daniel H. McLean.

The minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Carthage, in Moore county, N. C., on Thursday before the third Sabbath in January, 1859, at 12 o'clock M. Closed with prayer.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

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Beth Car Church, Bladen County, N. C.,
October 28th, 1859.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Jas. Sinclair, the last Moderator from Romans v: 15, "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

Ministers present.

After sermon, the Moderator took the chair and constituted the Presbytery by Prayer. Ministers present: John C. Sinclair, H. McLean, H. McNeill, J. P. McPherson, F. K. Nash, C. Shaw, G. M. Gibbs, M. B. Grier, D. B. Black, D. Johnson, N. McDonald, G. McNeill, D. T. Towles, M. McQueen, James Sinclair, G. A. Russell and Archibald McQueen.

Ruling Elders present.

Ruling Elders present: John D. McNeill, Galatia; Lauchlin McNeill McDonald, Barbecue; James McCallum, Philadelphus; Daniel A. Malloy, Lumberbridge; Lauchlin McNeill, Montpelier; Peter Cromartie, South River; J. W. Colvin, Moore's Creek; John N. Andrews, 1st Church Wilmington; Jas. P. Hodges, Sardis; James H. Alderman, Rockfish; W. N. Whitted, Beth-Car; Alex. McRae, Jr., Smyrna; William Shaw, Long-Street; Alex. Kelly, Carthage; Neill Kelly, Brown Marsh; Archibald A. McKethan, Cypress; John Elliott, China Grove; Evander McGilvary, Buffalo, and Daniel Campbell, Euphronia.

Ministers absent.

Ministers absent: Rev. Messrs. Robert Tate, S. Colton, D. D., S. Paisley, A. Gilchrist, H. A. Munroe, N. McKay, H. McAlister, J. M. Sprunt, D. D. McBryde, James McQueen and N. T. Bowden.

Moderator and Clerks.

Rev. C. Shaw was chosen Moderator and Rev. Messrs. M. McQueen and George A. Russell, temporary Clerks.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Stated Clerk called attention to certain items which had been omitted in the printed Minutes, owing to an oversight, one of which was read and corrected.

M. McIntosh. Milton McIntosh, Ruling Elder of Laurel Hill Church, appeared in Presbytery and his name was enrolled.

D. B. Black excused. Rev. D. B. Black rendered his excuse for absence from the last regular meeting of Presbytery, which was deemed satisfactory.

Committees. The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz:

Minutes of Gen. Assem. Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. George M. Gibbs and Alexander Kelly.

Religious Exercises. Religious Exercises, Rev. N. McDonald and W. N. Whitted.

Narrative. Narrative to Synod, Rev. D. Johnson and John Elliott.

Treasurer. Treasurer's account, Rev. M. B. Grier, Alexander Kelly and J. N. Andrews.

Judicial Committee. Judicial Committee, Rev. Messrs. F. K. Nash and M. B. Grier, and Alex. McRae, Jr.

H. McA. excused. A communication was received from Rev. H. McAlister, assigning the state of his health as his reason for absence from the present meeting of Presbytery, which was sustained.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to examine the books of the Treasurer submitted their report, which was read, accepted and placed on the docket.

The report is as follows:

Report. The Committee appointed to examine the Books of the Treasurer of Fayetteville Presbytery respectfully report: That they have examined the same, and find no reason to doubt their correctness. They have suggested to the Treasurer to be more particular as to *dates*, and that the account should be balanced, at least annually, and the balance, if any, carried down to new account.

We also recommend a change in the *form* of his reports to Presbytery; so as to condense and simplify the accounts, according to *form* of report now made (see marked No. 1;) showing the cash balance on hand at Spring meeting, (say $1,474 30) the amount received since, ($1,589 34) making together, ($3,063 64;) the amount paid out, ($2,009 20) and the cash balance now in his hands, ($1,054 44) and to what board or fund it belongs.

Your Committee have examined this report, with the vouchers, and believe it to be correct.

Your Committee also recommend, that hereafter at the Spring meeting of Presbytery, the Treasurer be required to report the contributions of all the churches during the year ending at that time, after the form annexed, and show the balance, if any, due to the Contingent fund, said report to be published with the minutes of Presbytery. It will show what the different Churches are doing, and if an omission or mistake should occur, it can be easily detected and corrected.

There is standing on the books of the Treasurer against quite a number of the churches, a balance to "Cumberland Academy;" the debt we understand having been paid out of the contingent fund of Presbytery, the balences are now due to that fund; but as the debt seems to have been *repudiated*, we suggest that it be charged off (wiped out!)

The Committee understand that some of the *old* balances due to Contingent Fund, (see No. 2,) are *doubted* and disputed; we suggest, whether it would not be *wise* to charge off all previous to the year 1857, and urge prompt payment from that date.

Should this report be approved by Presbytery, the Committtee recommend the adoption of the resolution below. All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. McNEILL,
(Signed,) S. T. HAWLEY, } *Committee.*
GEO. W. WILLIAMS,

R. P. Nicholson. Mr. R. P. Nicholson, a member of Harmony Church, was introduced to Presbytery, as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. He was examined on experimental religion and his motives in seeking the Ministry, which examination was, on motion, sustained and his name was enrolled as a candidate under our care.

N. T. Harris. Mr. N. T. Harris, Ruling Elder of Mt. Horeb Church, appeared in Presbytery and his name was enrolled.

On motion, Rev. G. A. Russell was excused from serving as temporary Clerk, and Mr. N. T. Harris was chosen to fill his place.

Long Cr'k. A request was presented to Presbytery by Long changed to Lillington. Creek Church through Rev. D. T. Towles, that the name of said Church might be changed to that of Lillington; which request, on motion, was granted.

A. McQ., and G. A. R. On motion, Rev. A. McQueen was added to the Committee on languages, and Rev. George A. Russell to the Committee on the arts and sciences.

Treasurer *pro-tem.* Mr. W. N. Whitted was appointed Treasurer *pro-tem.*

On motion, the place and time for the next regular meeting of Presbytery, was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Treasurer's report. On motion, the report of the Committee on the Treasurer's book, was taken from the docket, and placed in the hands of the Committee on the Treasurer's report, and that this subject be made the order of the day for 11 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

L. Hill. The Committee appointed to install Rev. J. P. McPherson pastor of Laurel Hill Church, reported that they discharged the duty assigned them on the 11th day of June, 1859.

Harmony. The Committee appointed to install Rev. A. McQueen pastor of Harmony Church reported that they discharged that duty on the 16th day of June, 1859.

Mt. Carmel. The Committee appointed to install Rev. A. McQueen pastor of Mt. Carmel Church, reported that they had not discharged that duty.

Domestic Missions. On motion, the report of the Committee on Domestic Missions was made the order of the day for 2 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

Trustees of Presbytery. The Trustees of Presbytery made their report, which was read, accepted, and placed on the docket.

Free Conversation on the state of Religion was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Ruling Elders appeared.

The following Ruling Elders appeared in Presbytery, and their names were enrolled, viz: Messrs. George Tate, Elizabethtown; G. W. Bannerman, Black River Chapel, and Neill McArthur, Big-Rockfish.

Place and time of next meeting.

The Presbytery took up the order of the day, viz: the place and time for the next regular meeting, when Galatia Church in Cumberland county, was chosen as the place, and the time Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in April 1860, at 12 o'clock M.

Rev. Hugh A. Munroe appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Big Juniper and J. L. McIver.

A petition praying for the organization of a Church on Big-Juniper, and also for the ordination of Mr. John L. McIver, was read, and for the present laid upon the table.

Call from China Grove accepted.

A call for the pastoral services of Mr. David Fairley for one half of his time, from China Grove Church, was presented and read, and being found in order, was on motion, placed in his hands.

Call from Cypress accepted.

Mr. Fairley signified his willingness to accept said call, and also the call from Cypress Church, which was placed in his hands at the last spring sessions of this body.

Call from Pee-Dee.

A call from Pee Dee Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Nathan T. Bowden for one-fourth of his time was presented and read and in the absence of Mr. Bowden, was laid upon the table.

D. Fairley.

The examination of Mr. David Fairley with a view to his ordination was made the order of the day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Treasurer's account.

On motion, the order of the day for 11 o'clock was taken up, viz: The report of the Committee on the report on the Treasurer's book, which was accepted and read, and is as follows:

Report on Treasurer's Book, &c.

"The Committee on the report of the Committee to examine the books of the Treasurer of Presbytery," and on the Treasurer's report, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following report:

1. The report of the Committee on the Treasurer's books, with the resolution annexed, be adopted, and

Report continued.

that the Stated Clerk be ordered to send a copy of the same to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

The Committee further report, that upon examination of the Treasurer's report, and of the report of the Committee on the Treasurer's book, they find that a debt has been accumulating, for the payment of which no provision has been made—said debt now amounting to the sum of *three hundred and seventy-two dollars and eighty-two cents*, ($372 82.)

The following are the items which comprise the debt, viz:

1. Presbytery's proportion to Contingent Fund of Synod for 1858–59, - - - - - - - - - - - $150 00

(This deficiency is a new thing in the history of our Presbytery, and we are informed, in the history of the other Presbyteries composing the Synod of North Carolina)

2. Balances due to Commissioners to the General Assembly of 1859—three Delegates, $40.00 each, $120 00.

3. Printing Minutes of Presbytery for fall of 1858, and spring of 1859, - - - - - - - - - - - $92 80.

4. Deficiency in the payment for printing Centennial Discourses, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $10 00.

In addition to these items there is a debt of an amount unknown to us, due for traveling expenses of Directors in Union Seminary and Trustees of Davidson College.

All these debts are just, and were contracted by the express authority of Presbytery, and therefore cannot remain unpaid without involving the Presbytery in the disgrace of repudiation.

In order to meet this large debt, the Committee respectfully suggest to Presbytery:

1. That the delinquent Churches be called upon to pay immediately the sums for which they are delinquent, beginning with the year 1857.

A list of the delinquent Churches is herewith submitted, with the sum due from each, and the total amount.

2. That a Committee be appointed by this Presbytery to make a re-assessment of the Churches to aid in the extinguishment of the present debt, and provide for the current expenses of Presbytery.

The Committee further report, that they have examined the Treasurer's Report, with the vouchers annexed and find that the statement of the Treasurer and the vouchers agree, and that there remains in the Treasury at the present time, the following sum, consisting of various items, to wit:

Domestic Missions,	$913 74
Contingent Fund,	5 22
Board of Education,	6 05
Church Extension,	129 43
	$1054 44

All of which is respectfully submitted."

After some discussion this report was referred to another Committee consisting of Mr. Duncan McLaurin and Rev. James Sinclair, who were directed to confer with the Treasurer, and report to Presbytery.

Re-assess Churches.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. G. M. Gibbs, F. K. Nash and Col. Neill Kelly, was appointed to re-assess the Churches, and report on Monday next.

The Minutes of the called meeting of Presbytery held at Brown Marsh Church in Bladen county, on the 9th day of June 1859, were read, corrected and approved.

On motion, the unfinished business of the *pro-re-nata* meeting of Presbytery at Brown Marsh Church, June 9th 1859, was taken up; when the following paper was submitted, viz:

Report from B. M. Church.

"The Session of Brown Marsh Church report that the duty of taking testimony on behalf of the Session of Brown Marsh Church and against Daniel N. Buie, as enjoined by this body, has been attended to. The Session met three several days and took all the testimony that could be obtained.

And the documents containing said testimony are herewith submitted for the investigation and adjudication of this Presbytery.

The Session would also state, that on the third day of its sessions, Daniel N. Buie rose up in the presence of the session and plead guilty to all the charges tabled against him by the session of Brown Marsh Church.

The session then adjourned. These documents and facts are now all respectfully submitted.

HUGH A. MUNROE,
ARCH'D KELLY,
(Signed,) M. McLEOD, *Committee.*
NEILL KELLY,
JAMES C. KELLY."

On motion the above report was accepted and adopted,

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business. and the Moderator delivered the usual charge to the court.

1. All the testimony taken in this case was read. 2. Sundry papers signed by Mr. Daniel N. Buie, and giving what he regarded as mitigating circumstances, and after a confession of his guilt of the charges preferred against him, he submitted his case to the judgment of the court.

Sentence. The papers having all been read, and some explanatory remarks having been made by Rev. M. B. Grier, as counsel for Mr. Buie, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz: That the said Daniel N. Buie be suspended from the Communion of the Church, until he furnish to the session of Brown Marsh Church satisfactory evidence of repentance and reformation.

After which the court rose.

Leave of absence. The following persons obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery, viz: Rev. Messrs. James Sinclair, D. B. Black, C. Shaw, and D. T. Towles, and Messrs. James H. Alderman and G. W. Bannerman.

Petition B. Juniper. On motion, the petition praying for the organization of a Church on Big-Juniper, was taken up and again read, when, after some discussion, a Committee of three, consisting ot Rev. Messrs. F. K. Nash, and H. McNeill and Col. Alexander Kelly was appointed to visit the field and report the facts in the case to the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

J. L. McI. The remaining portion of said petition which relates to the ordination of Mr. John L. McIver was on motion indefinitely postponed.

N. T. B., Sharon. The Committee appointed to install Rev. Nathan T. Bowden pastor of Sharon Church, reported that they discharged that duty on the 17th day of September, 1859.

Appeal and Complaints. On motion, Rev. Messrs. F. K. Nash and M. B. Grier were appointed to defend this Presbytery in the cases of appeal and complaints against their action in the case of Laurinburgh.

Copies of same. Subsequently, copies of these papers, viz: The appeal of Milton McIntosh, the complaint of J. P. McPherson and others, and also of James Sinclair and J. P. McPherson, were placed in their hands.

Treasurer's accounts. On motion, the resolution adopted this morning concerning the report of the Committee to examine the Treasurer's report, and the report of the Committee to examine the Treasurer's books, was reconsidered; when on motion the recommendation of the Committee concerning the mode of keeping the books in future, and the "Cumberland Academy," was adopted.

On motion, that part of the above report, defining the delinquent churches, be referred to the same Committee, viz: Duncan McLaurin and Rev. James Sinclair, and that they confer with Mr. Martine on that subject, and report to Presbytery at our next regular meeting.

Standing rule.

On motion, it was made a standing rule of Presbytery to elect their Treasurer *annually*, at each Spring meeting.

J. P. H.

Mr. James P. Hodges obtained leave of absence.

D. F. & R. P. N.

The Committee on languages reported, that they had examined Messrs. D. Fairley and R. P. Nicholson, on Latin and Greek, and Mr. Fairley on Hebrew, and recommend that their examinations be sustained as parts of trial, which report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, the order of the day was taken up, viz: Free conversation on the state of religion, and the roll was called.

Pending these statements, the Presbytery, on motion, adjourned to meet in this place at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Closed with prayer.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 31st.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and in the absence of the Moderator, was called to order and opened with prayer by the Stated Clerk.

Whereupon on motion, Rev. Hector McLean was appointed Moderator.

Free Conversation finished.

In the absence of the temporary Clerks, the unfinished business of Saturday afternoon, viz: The calling of the roll to hear statements from the brethren in reference to the state of religion in their churches was taken up, and continued, and completed.

Adjourned meeting.

On motion, it was resolved, That when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the 2nd Presbyterian Church, in the town of Wilmington, on Wednesday morning, Nov. 2nd, 1858, at half past 9 o'clock.

Report on

The Committee on the Minutes of the General As-

Minutes of General Assembly.

sembly submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"The Committtee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, report, that they have examined the same and call the attention of Presbytery to the following points, viz:

On page 515, Resolution 2nd.
On page 523–4, Resolutions 3, 7, and 8.
On page 532, Overture No. 2.
On page 535.

(Signed) G. M. GIBBS.
ALEX. KELLY. } *Committee.*

Arts and Sciences.

"The Committee of examination on arts and sciences, report, That they have examined Messrs. D. Fairley, and R. P. Nicholson on Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Algebra, Rhetoric, Astronomy, and Moral Philosophy, and recommend that their examination be sustained.

(Signed) DANIEL JOHNSON,
G. A. RUSSELL." } *Committee.*

On motion, this report was accepted.

Commissioners to General Assembly.

Rev. George McNeill, one of our Commissioners to the last General Assembly, made a verbal report, which was accepted.

R. P. N.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. D. Johnson and J. C. Sinclair were appointed a Committee to assign trial pieces to Mr. R. P. Nicholson.

Trustee of Davidson College.

On motion, Rev. Adam Gilchrist was re-elected a Trustee of Davidson College for four years from this time.

Examination of D. Fairley.

On motion, the order of the day, viz: the examination of Mr. David Fairley, preparatory to ordination, was taken up; when he was examined on Natural and Revealed Theology, EcclesiasticalHistory, the Sacraments and Church Government.

On motion, this examination was sustained, whereupon it was, on motion,

Cypress. Mr. D. Fairley.

Resolved, That Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Cypress Church, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath, in November next, at 12 o'clock, M., for the purpose of ordaining and installing Mr. Fairley, should the way be clear, and that he be directed to prepare a sermon on Romans, viii: 1st.

Text.

Arrangements for ordination and installation.

It was further resolved, That Rev. John C. Sinclair preach the ordination sermon, preside, propose the constitutional questions, and offer the ordaining prayer; that Rev. George A. Russell deliver the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Neill McDonald deliver the charge to the people.

Rev. George McNeill was appointed alternate to Rev. J. C. Sinclair, Rev. N. McKay to Rev. G. A. Russell and Rev. J. McQueen to Rev. N. McDonald.

Mr. W. N. Whitted.

Mr. William N. Whitted, one of our Lay Commissioners to the last General Assembly presented a written report, which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

Thanks to him.

On motion, the thanks of Presbytery were tendered to Mr. Whitted, for his generosity in serving the Presbytery at his own charges.

Rev. G. M. Gibbs—Onslow.

Rev. George M. Gibbs, our Evangelist, having made some very encouraging statements in reference to his labors in Onslow county, it was, on motion, *Resolved*, That he be recommended to devote his labors mainly to that field during the next six months.

Rev. E. McNair, second Evangelist.

In view of the great moral destitutions within our bounds, it was resolved, That the Presbytery elect a second Evangelist; whereupon Rev. Evander McNair, now of Eufala, Ala. was unanimously chosen to fill this place, and the Stated Clerk was directed to notify brother McNair of this appointment, and urge his acceptance of the office.

Minutes to be publish'd.

On motion the Stated Clerk was directed to publish in pamphlet form, 500 copies of the Minutes of our present sessions; and also that he prepare and publish an abstract of the same in the *North Carolina Presbyterian.*

Oak Plane Church, received.

The Committee appointed at our last Spring sessions to organize a Church in Sampson county, submitted their report, which is as follows, viz: "That they met on the 2nd day of July, 1859, at Bryant's Church, and finding the way clear, organized a church with 12 members. P. Murphy, and J. Wills, Jr., were elected Ruling Elders, and J. Treadwell Deacon. Messrs. Wills and Treadwell were ordained to their respective offices, and Mr. P. Murphy was duly installed according to the Book.

Some nine other persons were present, members of the Presbyterian church, who desired to connect themselves with this church, but not having their certificates of dismission, they were directed to get them, and present them to the session at their earliest convenience.

The Church is to be called Oak Plane.

(Signed) G. M. GIBBS."

On motion the above report was accepted and adopted, and the church ordered to be enrolled and assessed $5 for the Contingent Fund of Presbytery.

Treasurer *pro-tem.* The Treasurer *pro-tem*, submitted his report, which was accepted, and he was directed to pay over the money in his hands to Mr. Martine, Treasurer of Presbytery.

Statistical report. The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical report to Synod, which was read and approved, and is as follows, viz: The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, That at present they consist of 28 ministers, and have under their care 4 Licentiates, 5 candidates for the ministry and 64 Churches; that on the 13th day of January, 1859, they installed Rev. John C. Sinclair Pastor of Galatia Church; that on the 7th day of April, 1859, they received under their care the newly organized 2nd Church of Wilmington; and that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Hector McAlister and the Church of China Grove, and declared said Church vacant; that on the 8th day of the same month, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Hugh A. Munroe and the churches of Brown Marsh and Elizabethtown, and declared the latter Church vacant; that on the same day they received under their care the newly organized Churches of Pee-Dee and Laurinburgh; that on the 9th day of the same month, they received under care by letter Mr. David Fairley a licentiate from the Presbytery of Harmony, S. C.; that on the same day they ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry Messrs. Nathan T. Bowden and Archibald McQueen; that on the 11th day of June, 1859, they installed Rev. James P. McPherson pastor of Laurel Hill Church; that on the 16th day of the same month, they installed Rev. Arch'd McQueen pastor of Harmony Church; that on the 17th day of September, 1859, they installed Rev. Nathan T. Bowden pastor of Sharon Church; and that on the 31st of October, 1859, they received under their care the newly organized Church of Oak Plane. Respectfully submitted,

James P. McPherson, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion the Committees on the Narrative, and to re-assess the Churches had leave to submit their reports to the adjourned meeting to be held in Wilmington.

Vote of thanks. On motion, the hearty thanks of Presbytery were tendered to the people of Beth-Car Church, and the community, for their very kind hospitality to its members during the present Sessions, and that Rev. N. McDonald be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit.

The Minutes of Saturday and to-day were read, corrected and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in the 2nd Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, November 2nd, 1859, at half past 9 o'clock, A. M.

Closed by singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction. James P. McPherson, *Stated Clerk.*

Note.—The following resolution ought to have been appended to the Report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Book, but was not sent to the Publishers in time to be incorporated in the proper place. See page 5.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Presbytery be directed in making his report to Presbytery to conform to the changes suggested in the above report, and that he charge off the balances to "Cumberland Academy," and also the balances due to the Contingent Fund, previous to 1857.

MINUTES
OF
THE ADJOURNED MEETING.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 2nd, 1859.
2nd Presbyterian Church,
Half-past 9 o'clock, A. M.

Adjorned meeting.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment and was constituted by prayer.

Present.

Ministers present: John C. Sinclair, H. McLean, H. McNeill, J. P. McPherson, N. McDonald, M. McQueen and A. McQueen.

Ruling Elders present: John D. McNeill, Galatia; John N. Andrews, 1st Church Wilmington; Wm. Shaw, Long Street; Alex. Kelly, Carthage; Evander McGilvary, Buffalo; Dugald C. McIntyre, Lumberton; and Daniel McNair, (alternate) Lumberbridge.

Ministers absent.

Ministers absent: Robert Tate, Simeon Colton, D. D., Samuel Paisley, Adam Gilchrist, F. K. Nash, H. A. Munroe, Neill McKay, Colin Shaw, George M. Gibbs, M. B. Grier, D. B. Black, Daniel Johnson, H. McAlister, J. M. Sprunt, George McNeill, D. T. Towles, D. D. McBryde, James Sinclair, James McQueen, G. A. Russell and N. T. Bowden.

There being no business before us, on motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 3rd, 1859.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was constituted by prayer.

Present as on yesterday, with the addition of the following members, viz: Ministers: F. K. Nash, H. A. Munroe, N. McKay, C. Shaw, D. Johnson, Geo. McNeill and D. T. Towles.

Ruling Elders: M. McKay, Tirza; N. T. Harris, Mt. Horeb; Dr. Hicks, Union, (in Duplin;) Mr. Dyer, Goldsboro, and John Everett, Everettsville.

Rev. Neill McKay, excused.

Rev. Neill McKay rendered his excuse for absence from the late regular meeting at Beth-Car, which was sustained.

Re-assess Churches.

The Committee to re-assess the Churches submitted their report, which was accepted, and after some discussion, was re-committed to the same Committee, with instructions to report at our regular Spring meeting.

The Committee on the Narrative submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be placed in the hands of the Synod's Committee on the Narrative, and is as follows, viz:

Narrative,

"The Presbytery of Fayetteville in presenting to Synod their report on the Narrative of the state of religion within their bounds during the past year, would gratefully record that the progress of every good work in which they have been engaged, has been prosperous and onward.

Large additions have been made to the membership of several of our Churches.

Attendance on the ministrations of God's house has been very good. In some of our Churches increasing attention has been paid to Bible Class and Sabbath-School instruction.

In several of our Churches a large share of the time and labor of the pastors has been devoted to the religious instruction of the colored people. Several of our congregations have during the year, erected neat and commodious Church edifices; and others are now engaged in the same laudable work.

Our Churches have generally contributed, and some of them liberally, to the Boards of the Church. The cause of Domestic Missions within our bounds has excited an interest and is calling forth contributions which its most sanguine friends did not venture a little more than a year ago, to anticipate. Then it was doubtful whether the Presbytery could sustain one Evangelist; now it is certain that two can be sustained.

Narrative continued.

In conclusion we would say, the Presbytery of Fayetteville has never before had as much cause for thankfulness to God, nor so much encouragement to labor zealously in His service. Under God, we think, our religious paper has exerted a mighty influence in bringing about this happy state of things.

Through its instrumentality, harmony of feeling and unity of action have been secured to our body. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) D. JOHNSON, JOHN ELLIOTT, } *Committee.*

A communication was received from Rev. Simeon Cotton, D. D., assigning reasons for absence from the late regular meeting of Presbytery at Beth-Car, which were deemed satisfactory.

The Presbytery had a conference with a Committee of the Presbytery of Orange in relation to the transfer of Goldsboro' and Carolina City to the latter Presbytery, which after some discussion was laid upon the table for the present.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

WILMINGTON, Nov. 4, 1859.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. Present as on yesterday.

On motion, the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: the transfer of Goldsboro' and Carolina City to the Presbytery of Orange, was taken up and further discussed, when the following gentleman were appointpointed as a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Presbytery of Orange in relation to this matter, viz: Rev. Messrs. H. McLean and Neill McKay, and Mr. Dyer.

The Evangelist submitted his report, which was read, accepted and laid upon the table.

The Committee on Domestic Missions submitted their report, which was read, and, on motion, accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz :*

On motion, the Committee on Domestic Missions, in the event of Rev. E. McNair declining to accept the office of Evangelist, were authorized to employ a Missionary at the rates of $1,000 a year until the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

The Minutes of the several meetings of Presbytery, held on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th instant, were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Cypress Church on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in November, at 12 o'clock M. Closed with prayer.

JAMES P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

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* This report was not placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk nor the Publishers.

APPENDIX.

REPORT

OF TREASURER OF FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY TO THE FALL MEETING OF PRESBYTERY, OCTOBER, 1859.

Cash on hand, as per Report, April, '59, viz:			
Domestic Missions,	$1,188 00		
Campbell Monument,	41 16		
Board Publication, (Colp.)	64 90		
Board Foreign Missions,	82 20		
Church Extension,	122 32		
		$1,498 58	
Deduct—due from Contingent Fund,		24 28	
Balance on hand, April last,		1,474 30	
			$1,474 30
Cash received since April, 1859:			
Domestic Missions, (see page 209,)		588 24	
Board Publication, (Colp.) (see page 197)		84 68	
Board Foreign Missions, (see page 222)		294 84	
Contingent Fund, (see page 215)		295 50	
Church Extension, (see page 149)		7 11	
Board Education, (see page 219)		318 97	
			1,589 34
Amount cash last Report, and receipts since, total,			$3,063 64
Disbursed since April, 1859:			
Cash paid Domestic Missions,		862 50	
" " Campbell Monument,		41 16	
" " Board Publication,		149 58	
" " Board Foreign Missions,		377 04	
" " Contingent Fund,		266 00	
" " Board Education,		312 92	
			2,009 20
Cash: Balance on hand,			
To-wit: Domestic Missions,	$913 74		$1,054 44
Contingent Fund,	5 22		
Board Education,	6 05		
Church Extension,	126 43		
	$1,054 44		

The following Statement shows the amount due the Contingent Fund. All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. MARTINE, *Treas. Fay. Presbytery.*

The Contingent Fund of Presbytery is in debt :

To Synodical Contingent Fund for 1858–59,	$150	00
To Balances due Com.'s (3) to Gen. Assembly, about,	120	00
To Printing Minutes Fayetteville Presbytery, Fall 1858 and Spring, 1859,		
For traveling expenses of Directors to Union Seminary,		

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Amounts received by Wm. N. Whitted, Esq.,

TREASURER *PRO-TEM:*

FAYETTEVILLE, Nov'r 12, 1859.

Received of Editors of *North-Carolina Presbyterian*, $227 79, being amount collected per W. N. Whitted, Esq., Treasurer *pro-tem*, at Fall Session of Fayetteville Presbytery, at Beth-Car Church :

China-Grove Church,	for Foreign Missions,	$ 21	18
" " "	" Domestic Missions,	21	17
Centre "	" Education Fund,	12	59
White Plains "	" Domestic Missions,	8	00
South River "	" " " "	4	50
Hopewell "	" " " "	16	25
Rock-Fish "	" " " "	13	00
Beth-Car "	" Colporteur Fund,	12	13
" " "	" Domestic Missions,	49	21
Sardis "	" Foreign Missions,	12	93
" "	" Domestic Missions,	12	92
Whiteville "	" " " "	5	00
Brown Marsh "	" " " "	12	23
Elizabethtown "	" " " "	10	00
School-House, New Hanover county,	Do. Missions,	8	68
Rock-Fish,	for Contingent Fund,	8	00
		$227	79

JAS. MARTINE, *Treas'r Fay. Presbytery.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE,

AT THEIR

NINETY-SEVENTH SESSIONS,

HELD AT

MT. HOREB CHURCH,

BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 10TH, & 11TH, 1861.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.:
PRINTED AT THE PRESBYTERIAN OFFICE,
1861.

MINUTES.

Mt. Horeb Church, Bladen County, N. C.,
October 10th, 1861.

Text:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Archibald McQueen, the last Moderator, from Hebrews 1 : 3.—"Who, being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."

After sermon the Moderator took the Chair and Constituted the Presbytery by prayer.

Ministers present.

Ministers present: Rev. Messrs. Hector McLean, J. P. McPherson, F. K. Nash, H. A. Monroe, C. Shaw, G. M. Gibbs, A. McMillan, N. McDonald, S. C. Alexander, D. T. Towles, D. D. McBryde, James Sinclair, A. McQeeen, and M. McNair.

Ruling Elders present.

Ruling Elders present: Messrs. John McNeill, Laurel Hill; Daniel C. McNeill, Lumberbridge; James McCallum, Philadelphus; Angus S. Baker, Lebanon; Neill A. Currie, Laurinburg; Peter McRae, Smyrna; Nathaniel McNair, Ashpole; John McDonald, Big Rockfish; Malcom McLeod, Brown Marsh; and William H. Holmes, Clinton.

Ministers absent.

Ministers absent: Rev. Messrs. R. Tate, S. Colton D. D., S. Paisley, J. C. Sinclair, Adam Gilchrist, H. McNeill, N. McKay, M. B. Grier, D. B. Black, D. Johnson, H. McAlister, J. M. Sprunt, G. McNeill, M. McQueen, J. McQueen, G. A. Russell, N. T. Bowden, and D. Fairley.

Moderator and Clerks.

On motion, Rev. A. McMillan was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. D. D. McBryde and S. C. Alexander Temporary Clerks.

Rev. John M. Sherwood.

Rev. John M. Sherwood presented a regular letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Orange, and after the usual examination on experimental religion, his motives in seeking the ministry, and theology, he was received as a member of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

Recess. On Motion, Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

Rev. M. McQueen. Rev. M. McQueen appeared in Presbytery and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

B. G. Worth. Mr. B. G. Worth, Ruling Elder from the 1st. Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, appeared and his name was enrolled.

Reading Minutes. On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of Presbytery was dispensed with.

Rev. Messrs. Nash, Gibbs, and Towles. Rev. Messrs. F. K. Nash, G. M. Gibbs, and D. T. Towles rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last regular sessions of Presbytery.

Committees. Religious Exercises. The Moderator announced the following committees, viz: *Religious exercises*—Rev. Messrs. C. Shaw, and H. A. Monroe.

Narrative. *Narrative to Synod.*—Rev. Messrs. A. McQueen and S. C. Alexander, and A. S. Baker, Ruling Elder.

Systematic Benevolence. *Systematic Benevolence.*—Rev. Messrs. H. A. Monroe, and F. K. Nash, and Peter McRae, Ruling Elder.

Treasurer. John McDonald, Treasurer, *pro tem.*

Papers on the state of the Ch. The Stated Clerk laid upon the table communications from the Presbyteries of Orange and Cherokee on the state of the Church, and the proceedings of a Convention of Delegates from various Presbyteries, held at Atlanta, Georgia, August 15th--17th. 1861; and also a paper on the same subject, which he had prepared, and which was read.

Committee. These papers were referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. F. K. Nash, J. M. Sherwood, and C. Shaw, and B. G. Worth and A. S. Baker, Ruling Elders.

Death of Rev. Adam Gilchrist, and G. McNeill. Committee. Rev. Hector McLean solemnly announced to Presbytery the death of Rev. Adam Gilchrist and Rev. George McNeill, whereupon, on motion, the following committee was appointed to prepare a suitable minute, viz:

Rev. Messrs. J. M. Sherwood and D. D. McBryde.

Rev. H. McAlister. A letter was received from Rev. Hector McAlister, assigning as his reason for absence, the bad state of his health, which reason was unanimously sustained.

Memorial from Smyrna. A memorial from the Session of Smyrna church was read and referred to the following committee, viz: Rev. Messrs. H. A. Monroe and G. M. Gibbs, and John McDonald, Ruling Elder.

Free Conversation. On motion, Free Conversation on the state of religion was taken up, when reports were heard from the various churches on this subject.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess to meet at half past seven o'clock this evening.

Brethren appear. After recess Presbytery met, when the following brethren appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, viz: Rev. Messrs. J. C. Sinclair, D. B. Black and James McQueen.

The following Ruling Elders appeared and their names were enrolled, viz: Hon. J. G. Shepherd, Fayetteville; John Ellis, Galatia; D. McCormick, Barbecue; and W. D. Harrington, Euphronia.

Ruling Elders appear.

On motion, Hon. J. G. Shepherd was added to the committee to prepare a suitable minute on the death of our beloved brethren, Rev. Messrs. A. Gilchrist and George McNeill,

Rev. Martin McQueen presented and read the report of the committee on Domestic Missions, which was committed to a select committee of three viz: Rev. Messrs. C. Shaw and J. P. McPherson, and Judge Shepherd, Ruling Elders.

Domestic Missions.

A petition praying for the organization of a church in Richmond County, to be called Mark's Creek church, was read and granted, and the following committee appointed to carry out the wish of the petitioners, if the way be clear, viz: Rev. Messrs. A. McMillan, J. P. McPherson, and A. McQueen, and Maj. John McNeill, Ruling Elder.

Petition to organize a Church —Mark's Creek.

Committee.

Rev. James H. McNeill of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. James H. McNeill.

The committee on the memorial from Smyrna church, presented their report, which after some discussion was recommitted to the same committee.

Memorial from Smyrna.

On motion, it was agreed that Presbytery spend half an hour in devotional exercises at 1 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

Prayer for our Country.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning, October 11th, 1861.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The following orders were given on the Treasurer:

Orders on the Treasurer.

To Rev. D. D. McBryde, account, $37.

To the Stated Clerk for stationery $5.

To Rev. George M. Gibbs, as executor of Mr. R. W. Gibbs, deceased, expences to U. T. Seminary.

To Mr. C. M. Andrews, balance due—$28 65.

The committee on the memorial from Smyrna Church

Memorial from

Smyrna Church continued.

again submitted their report, which was accepted. The memorial is in these words, viz :

"To the honorable Presbytery of Fayetteville, convened at Mount Horeb Church:

The Undersigned, members of Session of Smyrna Church, respectfully memorialize your venerable body to the following effect; There has arisen amongst us a difficulty of a peculiar nature, in regard to which we feel our need of yourcounsel and advice.

In several meetings of the Session, the Book of Records has not been forthcoming, and upon information had, it was ascertained to be in the hands of an absent member of the Session, who ,upon application therefore, refuses to give it up, upon the plea of a promise made to the former Pastor of the Church. Therefore we respectfully memorialize your venerable body for advice in the premises.

We are aware that, by the Constitution of the Church, we have the power to arraign and try that member of Session for withholding property that rightfully belongs to the Session, as well as for contumacy against his brethren.

But such are the peculiar circumstances of the case, growing out of the recent relations of this member to the Session, together with the fact that a minister of the Gospel is more or less implicated therein—we have deemed it inexpedient to put in force the power that our Book gives us, without the counsel and advice of our brethren of the Presbytery.

We, therefore, pray your venerable body to instruct us us how we shall proceed to recover the rights withheld from us, and your memorialists will ever pray.

Signed by the members of Session.

Alex C. McKinnon.
John C. Stewart.
Alex. McRae.
James Q. R. McRae.
James Stewart.
Angus Fairley.
Peter McRae.

On a motion to adopt the report of the Committee on the above memorial, the following substitute was introduced and adopted, viz :

Answer.

" In answer to the memorial from members of Smyrna Session, Presbytery would reply by placing the Sessional Records in the hands of the Clerk of Session, with a request to them to keep the Records entire."

The Committee to whom had been referred the papers

State of the Church.

from the Presbyteries of Orange and Cherokee &c., presented their report, which is as follows, viz:

"The Confession of Faith adopted by our fathers, and received by us in true faith and honesty as the fundamental rule in all matters ecclesiastical, provides that 'synods and councils are to handle or conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical; and are not to intermeddle with civil affairs which concern the commonwealth, unless by way of humble petition in cases extraordinary or by way of advice, for satisfaction of conscience, if they be thereunto required by the civil magistrate."

Now, therefore, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,' at their Sessions in May 1861, by resolutions offered by Dr. Spring of New York, and adopted by an almost unanimous vote, having endorsed a Republican Administration, and thereby made themselves a party in the sectional agitations now rending the bowels of liberty, have grossly and shamelessly made a breach upon this fundamental law of Presbyterianism;

Moreover, inasmuch as these resolutions require of the members of the Church to maintain their allegiance to a Government sectional, unjust, tyrannical, and bloody, the aforesaid Assembly has thereby, in the pride of its arrogancy, introduced a new test of membership in the Church, contrary to our Book; and, carried away by the pressure of a perverted public sentiment, it has violently torn assunder the strong and tender ties of Presbyterian brotherhood, by deliberately giving up their brethren of the South to the ruthless minions of a weak, but bloody tyrant.

Under these circumstances we assert our rights as freemen, not only to determine where our allegiance is due, but also to regulate, under Christ, our ecclesiastical associations and relations.

And inasmuch as the aforesaid General Assembly, by its resolutions, has proclaimed before the Christian world its superior zeal for the integrity of the Union, rather than for the integrity of Christ's Church, they have thereby given their verdict for Cæsar against Christ.

Therefore, be it Resolved, 1*st*. That we, the members of Fayetteville Presbytery, in regular sessions assembled, at Mount Horeb Church, Bladen County, N. C., this 11th day of October A. D., 1861, do hereby declare ourselves free from all spiritual allegiance to 'the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America,' and do hereby, as a Presbytery, withdraw from its jurisdiction.

Resolved, 2*nd*. That we hereby approve the suggestion

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made by our sister Presbytery of Orange, on the 15th day of June 1861, that a Convention or General Assembly be held at Augusta, Georgia, on the 4th day of December, 1861.

Resolved, 3*rd*. That while we thus sunder the ties that have connected us with 'the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,' this action is not intended to abandon the Confession of Faith of our fathers, but we declare our purpose to adhere thereto in all its precious Doctrines, Order, and Discipline, only intending it be changed in its title to suit our circumstances in these Confederate States.

Resolved, 4*th*. That this Presbytery, during its present sessions, elect four delegates, two Ministers and two Elders, to the said General Assembly, and that their traveling expences be paid out of the Commissioners Fund.

Resolved, 5*th*. That an attested copy of those proceedings, in the above case, be forwarded to the Synod of North Carolina for their approval at their approaching sessions, to be held in the city of Raleigh, N. C., on the 30th inst., and a copy to the General Assembly.

(Signed)
F. K. NASH,
COLIN SHAW,
J. M. SHERWOOD,
B. G. WORTH,
A. S. BAKER.
Committee.

The above report was unanimously adopted, after earnest and solemn prayer to Almighty God for guidance and direction.

Yeas and Nays recorded.

The yeas and nays were then called for, and resulted as follows viz: Yeas, Rev. Messrs. John C. Sinclair, Hector McLean, James P. McPherson, Frederick K. Nash, Hugh A. Monroe, Colin Shaw, George M. Gibbs, Duncan B. Black, Andrew McMillan, Neill McDonald, Samuel C. Alexander, John M. Sherwood, Daniel T. Towles, Duncan D. McBryde, Martin McQueen, James Sinclair, James McQueen, Archibald McQueen, and Malcom McNair.

Ruling Elders: Messrs. John McNeill, Daniel C. McNeill, James McCallum, Angus S. Baker, Peter McRae, Nathaniel McNair, John McDonald, Malcom McLeod, William H. Holmes, B. G. Worth, N. T. Harris, Hon. Jesse G. Shepherd, John Ellis, Duncan McCormick, and William D. Harrington, 34.

Nays none.

Ruling Elders appear.

The following Ruling Elders appeared and their names were enrolled, viz: L. D. Cameron, Cypress, and A. D. Brown, Lumberton.

On motion Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, which resulted as follows, viz: Rev. Messrs Hector McLean and Frederick K. Nash, as Principals, and Rev. Messrs Andrew McMillan alternate to the former and Hugh A. Monroe to the latter.

Commissioners to Gen'l Assembly.

Hon. Jesse G. Shepherd and Dr. James H. Dickson, Ruling Elders, the former of Fayetteville and the latter of 1st Church Wilmington, were chosen principal lay delegates; and Duncan Shaw, Ruling Elder of Galatia Church, was chosen alternate to the former, and A. D. Brown, Ruling Elder of Lumberton Church alternate to the latter.

Lay Delegates.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute on the death of the lamented brethren, Rev. Messrs. Adam Gilchrist and George McNeill, presented their report, which was accepted and unanimously adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Report of Committee on deaths of Rev. Adam Gilchrist & Rev. George McNeill.

"The Committee appointed to prepare a minute on the death of the Rev. Adam Gilchrist and the Rev. George McNeill, members of this Presbytery, deceased since our last meeting, beg leave to offer the following Report:

The Rev. Adam Gilchrist was born in Charleston, S. C., April 10th, 1806. His education, preparatory to College, was obtained at Morristown, N. J., and during his studies there, while still a youth, he gave himself to the Saviour and entered upon that Christian life that 'became brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.' After graduating at Dickinson College, Penn., he entered the Seminary at Princeton, and pursued a full course of theological training.

His first settlement as a minister was at Walterboro', S. C. There he continued about three years, when he received an invitation to supply the pulpit of the Church in Fayetteville. He commenced his labours there on the first Sabbath in March, 1841. On the 14th of June of the same year he was elected Pastor, and installed on the 27th of February, 1842.

The great work of Mr. Gilchrist's life was accomplished in Fayetteville. He came to the Church at a most critical period in its history. By his amiability, his kindness, and his conciliating disposition, as well as by his fine natural and acquired gifts as a preacher, he soon reconciled all difficulties in the Congregation, and won the hearts of the people to himself as the ambassador of Christ. This hold he retained in a marked degree, throughout his ministry—growing in the affections of his own charge, and in the respect of the community.

He was a man of good natural talents, well cultivated;

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of fine personal appearance; of great amiability and modesty; and the chief object of his life seemed to be to cultivate well the field that the Great Head of the Church had assigned him. How he succeeded in his object, the history of the Church during the twenty years of his ministry, with the large membership that it now contains, compared with the size of the congregation, furnishes the best evidence.

In the fall of 1859, his health, which had not been very robust for some years, received a severe shock by the death of a lovely daughter under peculiarly distressing circumstances. In Februrary, 1860, he was compelled to desist entirely from preaching.

Hoping that a few month's rest would enable him to resume his labours, with the approval of his Session he secured a supply for his pulpit, and calmly awaited the result. He sank gradually under the disease that was preying upon him; but still, not without hope of recovery, he visited Florida in January last.

At Lake City, in that State, in the house of his only living child, surrounded by the loved ones of his household, he died on the 27th of March, 1861.

His remains were brought to Fayetteville, and rest among the members of his flock.

The Rev. GEORGE McNEILL was born in Fayetteville, September 4th, 1827,—son of the aged and beloved Elder of the same name, who still rules in the Church there.

His education preparatory to College was received at the High School in his native town, under the care of the Rev. Simeon Colton D. D. After spending some time at Chapel Hill, he completed his collegiate course at Delaware College. While at this latter institution, he made a profession of religion, and consecrated himself to the ministry of God's dear Son.

His theological studies were pursued at Princeton, and he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Fayetteville on the 23rd day of June, 1848, and on the 12th day of July, 1850, he was ordained to the work of the holy ministry, in the town of Fayetteville, as an Evangelist. Declining much more inviting fields of labour in other places, he devoted himself to the Domestic Missionary work in his native State. His labours were principally in the County of Randolph; and here, in the exposure of missionary life, after three or four years, his health failed him. He spent two or three years subsequently in the State of Florida, teaching a portion of the time; but returned to North Carolina, still in feeble health. Soon after his return, unable to preach the Gospel from the pulpit, his thoughts were turned to the best method of securing the great object to which he had consecrated his life—the glory of God in the salvation of sinners; and the newspaper press was suggested. Chiefly through his instrumentality, the project for establishing the *North Carolina Presbyterian* was inaugurated and successfully accomplished. And in this work he spent the remainder of his life.

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The publication of the paper was commenced on the 1st of January, 1858, and from that time up to within a few weeks of his death, though his health continued feeble, he was rarely unable to attend to his Editorial duties. His life closed in great sufferings, on the 18th of August, 1861. He died full of faith and hope.

Mr. McNeill accomplished the great work of his life in the Editorial chair. For this he was peculiarly, and most admirably fitted. Possessed naturally of a mind quick to perceive, ardent in the pursuit of its object, and intensely practical in its perceptions of truth and duty—these qualities seemed to have been increased by a feeble physical frame, and the prospect of a short life. They made him a ready, vigorous, and forcible writer. Few men wielded a pen with more clearness and power.

The influence that he exerted for Presbyterianism, during the three years and a half of his connection with our State paper, cannot be estimated. Eternity must reveal it. In view of these solemn facts:

Resolved, 1*st*. That the Presbytery of Fayetteville feel sensibly the loss sustained in the death of these brethren beloved. They have been taken from us—the one having scarcely passed the meridian of life, the other much below it,—and both filling posts of usefulness in the Church. We bow in submission to the will of our heavenly Father, who raised up these brethren, and gave them to the Church of His love, with all their qualifications; while we regard their removal as a call to more faithfulness on our part, and to more earnest prayer for other labourers in the Lord's vineyard. The places of those who are falling must be filled; and whatever *our* hands find to do should be done with our might, for the night cometh speedily when no man can work.

Resolved, 2*nd*. We deeply symphize with the immediate families and friends of our deceased brethren. *Their* loss is indeed heavy. But we confidently commend them to that God and Saviour who, by His presence, can more than supply the place of husband, father, son, or brother. May He comfort the stricken ones, and enable them to say from the heart, "The Lord gave; the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.'"

Mr. Neill McDugald.

Mr. Neill McDougald, Ruling Elder from Bethlehem Church, appeared in Presbytery and his name was enrolled.

Rev. James H. McNeill receiv'd

Rev. James H. McNeill, a member of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, N, J., stated to Presbytery that he wished to become ecclesiastically connected with us; but owing to the disturbed state of the country, he had been unable to secure a regular letter of dismission; whereupon, on motion, he was examined on experimental religion, his motives in seeking the ministry, and theology, which examination was sustained, and he was unanimously received as a member of this Presbytery.

Place & time of next meeting.

On motion, the place and time of the next regular meeting of Presbytery was taken up, when Philadelphus Church, in Robeson County, N. C., was unanimously chosen as the place; and Thursday before the second Sabbath in April, 1862, 12 o'clock M., was fixed as the time.

Rev. A. McQueen—Harmony Church.

Rev. Archibald McQueen asked leave to resign his pastoral charge of Harmony Church; whereupon, on motion, the Stated Clerk was ordered to cite said Church to appear, by their commissioners, at the next regular sessions of Presbytery, to show cause, if any they have, why this request should not be granted.

Treasurer's Report.

The Stated Clerk presented a very neat and appropriate report from Maj. A. McLean, Treasurer of Presbytery, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the Minutes.

Foreign Missions.

The following committee was appointed to prepare a report on Foreign Missions, viz: Rev. Messrs. James H. McNeill and Martin McQueen, and Hon. J. G. Shepherd, Ruling Elder.

A call from Fayetteville.—J. M. Sherwood—accepted.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. John M. Sherwood, from the Church in Fayetteville, was presented to Presbytery, and being found in order, was, on motion, placed in his hands.

Committee to install.

Brother Sherwood having signified his acceptance of said call, the following arrangement was made for his installation on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in December, 1861, at 11 o clock A. M., viz: Rev. James H. McNeill to preach the sermon, preside and propose the constitutional questions; Rev. John C. Sinclair to deliver the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. Neill McDonald the charge to the people.

Smyrna Church vacant.

Rev. J. P. McPherson reported, that he attended Smyrna Church, the 20th of April, 1861, and finding the way clear, declared said Church vacant.

Domestic Missions.

The select committee on Domestic Missions submitted their report, which was accepted, and laid upon the table for the present.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess until 1 o'clock.

After recess Presbytery met, when leave of absence was granted to Rev. G. M. Gibbs and W. H. Holmes.

Half hour in prayer.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess of five minutes to meet at the stand, for the purpose of spending half an hour in prayer to Almighty God for the Church and Country.

These exercises were conducted by the Moderator, and were truly solemn and affecting.

Prayer recommended.

The Presbytery then returned to the Church, when the following resolution was read and unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Presbytery do hereby express their earnest sympathy with our officers and soldiers now engaged in a struggle for the maintenance of the rights of the people of the Confederate States of America, and that we recommend that continued prayer be made by our people to Almighty God for His blessing upon them, and upon our rulers, and for the speedy establishment of an honorable peace.

Ruling Elders appear.

The following Ruling Elders appeared, and their names were enrolled, viz: G. W. Bannerman, Black River Chapel; and W. K. Cromartie, South River Chapel.

Domestic Missions—report.

On motion, the report of the select committee on Domestic Missions was taken up, and, after several interesting addresses, was adopted and is as follows, viz:

"The select committee to whom was referred the report of the Presbyterial Committee of Domestic Missions, have had the same under consideration, with the matters suggested therein, and ask leave to report as follows: The altered condition of our ecclesiastical affairs, which has followed and been connected with the great convulsion in the State has rendered necessary a change of our policy; and brings about a modification in some, and a total repeal of other resolutions which this Presbytery has heretofore adopted. By our action at this time we are discharged from our connection with the Board at Philadelphia, and must rely, upon some mode of management exclusively Presbyterial, unless, in the progress of events, a new Board shall be formed, which shall supply to the Confederate States, the place of that of Philadelphia. Your committee recommend that a committee be appointed whose office shall be in the town of Fayetteville, to consist of three Ministers and three Elders, and that said committee shall give commissions to missionaries and review their reports, give drafts upon the Treasury, and have the charge of the work of missions in our bounds, subject to such orders as Presbytery from time to time may make.

Your committee with a view of making the missionary work more extensive and effective also, recommend that all our ministers, whether Pastors, or Stated Supplies, shall give

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themselves in a proper degree to the cause. For this purpose it is recommended that our congregations not only allow, but shall encourage their ministers to engage in the work, as being now the best means of carrying Gospel light into many portions of our Presbytery, and of making our system aggressive to that degree which shall develop its highest capability, and its agency in enlarging the bounds of Zion.

Your committee recommend that the report and resolutions of the Committee on Missions be concurred in with these additions, that resolutions No 1, 2, and 4, of the series adopted at the spring sessions of 1858, at Buffalo, relative to Domestic Missions, be and and the same are hereby repealed.

(Signed,) Colin Shaw,
J. P. McPherson, } *Com.*
J. G. Shepherd,

The report of the Committee on Domestic Missions is as follows, viz:

Your Committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

"During the past six months our whole Domestic Missionary work has been greatly embarrassed and almost paralyzed. We have not only felt the need of an Evangelist to superintend and to extend our field of labor, but our missionaries have been embarrassed by our present arrangements. At present, our missionaries are required not only to report to the Committee of Presbytery, but also to the general Board of Domestic Missions in Philadelphia; and from that Board they receive their commissions and drafts upon our Treasury. But all communication with Philadelphia being cut off, they have been unable to renew their commissions, or to obtain their drafts upon our Treasury. Hence, some of our missionaries have been laboring without commissions, and all have been unable to draw their pay. It is therefore necessary for Presbytery to authorize its missionaries to draw their back pay, and to make arrangements for their being commissioned and paid in the future.

We have five missionaries in the field, who devote the whole, or part of their time, to the missionary work. Rev. N. T. Bowden has been preaching for the last six months, with more than usual success to Ben-Salem, a small church in the Northwestern portion of Moore county. Rev. D. T. Towles has been preaching for the past five months to the small churches of Kieth, Lillington, Mt. Williams and Mt. Edwards.

Owing to the absence of the Rev. M. B Grier, Rev. M.

McQueen has not been able to extend his labors beyond the bounds of Wilmington for the last quarter.

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From the Rev. G. M. Gibbs, who was appointed to labor part of his time in Magnolia, a growing village on the Wilmington and Weldon Rail Road, and the Rev. A. McMillan who was appointed to labor in the interior of Richmond county, we have received no reports.

At our last meeting, Presbytery instructed their Committee to appropriate $125, or if necessary $200, to the Presbyterian church in Lumberton, to aid said church in procuring the regular ministrations of the Word; but that church has made no demand upon the Committee, neither has it submitted any report.

There have been no other calls upon the Committee for aid, or new appointments since the last meeting of Presbytery. Various causes have conspired to deprive many of our churches of the regular preaching of the Gospel, and we have reason, with God's ancient people, to mourn over the desolations of our Zion. Still, we must look forward to the future with faith and hope, fully confident that the Great Head of the Church, who has committed into His hands all power in heaven and earth, will deliver His Church from all her troubles, and that she shall yet come forth in her beautiful garments adorned as a bride for her husband.

Whereas, we have severed our connection with the Board of Domestic Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, therefore,

Resolved, That our Missionaries be required to make quarterly reports to the Committee of Presbytery, and that said Committee be authorized to commission Missionaries and also to give the drafts upon the Treasury of Presbytery.

(Signed.) M. B. Grier, M. McQueen, J. H. Dickson. } *Committee.*

Committee on Domestic Missions.

The following persons were appointed the Committee on Domestic Missions, viz:

Rev. Messrs. John M. Sherwood, James H. McNeill, and Martin McQueen, with Ruling Elders, Dr. James H. Dickson, Hon. Jesse G. Shepherd and Mr. John Elliott.

Rev. M. B. Grier, 1st Church Wilmington.

Rev. M. B. Grier, by letter requested a dissolution of the pastoral connection between himself and the 1st Church, Wilmington, and the Church concurring therein, his request was granted, and Rev. M. McQueen was appointed to preach there, and declare said Church vacant.

Rev. M. B. Grier dismissed.

Rev. M. B. Grier, through Rev. M. McQueen, presented a request to be dismissed to join the Presbytery of

Philadelphia, which was granted, and the Stated Clerk, was directed to furnish Mr. Grier with the usual testimonials.

Daniel McRae —candidate. Mr. Daniel McRae, a member of Barbecue Church, was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, and after a satisfactory examination on experimental Religion, and his motives in seeking the ministry, he was taken under our care, and recommended to the Committee on Education.

Call returned to Mt. Carmel. Rev. Archibald McQueen asked leave to return to Presbytery the call previously placed in his hands by Mt. Carmel Church; which was granted.

N. T. Bowden, and Pee Dee & Mineral Spring Churches. The Committees appointed to install Rev. N. T. Bowden Pastor of Pee Dee and Mineral Spring Churches, not having performed that duty, on motion the same Committees were continued.

Rev. M. McNair, Lumber-Bridge. The Committee appointed to install Rev. M. McNair co-pastor of Lumber Bridge Church, reported, that they discharged that duty on Saturday, the 23rd day of March, 1861.

Rev. S. C. Alexander, Black River Chapel. The Committee appointed to install Rev. S. C. Alexander Pastor of Black River Chapel, reported that they discharged that duty on Saturday May 4th, 1861.

Galatia. There being no report from the Committee appointed to visit Galatia Church, and the Pastor, Rev. J. C. Sinclair, having stated that there was now no necessity for such a Committee, they were discharged.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess to meet at the house of Mrs. Wooten, this evening at 7 o'clock.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

Supplies. Supplies to vacant churches were called upon, when it was ascertained that none of the appointments had been filled, and for reasons that were deemed satisfactory.

Big Juniper. The Committee appointed to visit Big Juniper made a *verbal* report; whereupon the following Committee was appointed to visit that neighborhood, and if the way be be clear, organize a Church there, viz: Rev. Messrs. J. C. Sinclair, G. A. Russell and David Fairley, and Col. A. Kelly, Ruling Elder.

Report on Foreign Missions "The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missions, beg leave to report the following minute for the adoption of the Presbytery, viz:

Whereas, In severing their connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and renouncing the jurisdiction of the General Assembly of that Church, Presbytery has ceased to have any connection or co-operation with the Board of Foreign Missions in New York; and

Whereas, In the view of the Presbytery, the subject of Foreign Missions has lost none of its interest and importance, in consequence of these changes in their ecclesiastical relations; but, on the contrary, its claims are felt to be more than ever immediate and imperative, particularly, in connection with the Missions among the Indians occupying the Territories of the Confederate States, and in the case of such brethren as may have gone out from among us, and are now laboring in distant parts of the world, identified in interest and feeling with our Southern Zion, and looking to her for that sympathy and support without which their missions cannot long survive: Therefore,

F. Mission Report concluded.

Resolved, 1*st*. That Presbytery earnestly recommend to all the Churches under their care, that they take up collections, as formerly, at least once a year, for the cause of Foreign Missions, and that in their contributions, it be remembered by the people of God, that our Lord's last great command was, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Resolved, 2*nd*. That Presbytery approve of the course adopted by the Brethren in Columbia, S. C., in forming the committee on Foreign Missions, of which Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., is Secretary, to take charge of the interests connected with this subject, until the complete organization of the Church in these Confederate States.

Resolved, 3*rd*. That the Treasurer of Presbytery, until otherwise notified, is hereby authorized and requested to remit the funds now in his hands, and such as may hereafter reach him, for the cause of Foreign Missions, to the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., at Columbia, S. C., tobe used by him, under the direction of the committee, in furthering this cause."

This report was accepted and adopted.

Narrative.

The Committee on the Narrative submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and a copy was ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and also to the General Assembly—it is as follows, viz;

"Your Committee on the Narrative to Synod, beg leave to submit the following report;

That owing to the facts that the subject of free conversation on the State of Religion within our bounds came up so early in the Sessions of Presbytery, several of the members had not arrived, and consequently the materials for making out a full report are necessarily limited.

But from the facts reported from the various churches, and from all the information obtained, there are many things to cheer and comfort the hearts of God's people; while, on the other hand, we regret to say, there are some things which call for mourning, humiliation and prayer. The excited spirit of the times has affected all ranks and

Narrative continued.

conditions of men—has been felt in every department of business, and has even spread its blighting and withering influence upon our beloved Zion.

Pious young men have felt it to be their duty to exchange the privileges of the sanctuary for the battle-field. Congregations have been weakened, Sabbath Schools are dwindling away, and Bible classes have been given up, while in some instances, the word preached seems to have fallen powerless upon the hearts and consciences of inattentive hearers.

Nor should we fail to record the fact that owing to our necessary separation from the various Boards of the Church, and the necessary money crisis, the contributions to the various benevolent enterprises of our church have been greatly diminished.

But notwithstanding these depressing and discouraging facts, there has been the usual, or more than usual, number received into the membership in the different churches.

The Spirit of God seems still to move upon the hearts of His people for the accomplishment of His own glorious purposes; and some of the Brethren are reported to have enjoyed spiritual visitations of His grace, and many souls have been brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ.

(Signed),
A. McQueen,
S. C. Alexander,
A. S. Baker,
} *Committee.*"

Licentuates.

A Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Hector McLean, J. C. Sinclair, and H. A. Monroe, was appointed to confer with our Licentiates, and report at our regular Spring sessions.

Trustees of D. College elected.

Rev. John M. Sherwood was elected a Trustee of Davidson College in place of Rev. Adam Gilchrist, deceased; and Rev. Martin McQueen in place of Rev. M. B. Grier, removed beyond her bounds.

Evangelist.

On motion, the election of an Evangelist was indefinitely postponed.

Six Hundred Copies of Minutes.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was ordered to publish, in pamphlet form, 600 copies of the Minutes of our present sessions

Commissioners' Fund.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Churches be requested to contribute, during the month of November next, one half of their usual assessment to the Commissioners' Fund, and that the same be forwarded immediately to the Treasurer, Maj. Archibald McLean; and that he be directed to pay to each of our Commissioners to the General Assembly the sum of $30, if there be so much in the Treasury.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence stated that they were not prepared to report, whereupon the Stated Clerk read the report which he had prepared last Spring, and which was adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and also to the General Assembly. **Systematic Benevolence.**

It is as follows, viz: Report on Systematic Benevolence from the Presbytery of Fayetteville to the Synod of North Carolina, and to the General Assembly, October 11, 1861. **Report on Systematic Benevolence.**

In presenting this report, it is proper to remark, First: That our Presbytery met nearly a month earlier this Spring than usual, and before many of our churches had completed their annual collections.

Secondly: The number of statistical reports forwarded to the Stated Clerk is smaller than for several years past; and therefore many churches appear to have contributed nothing to the various objects of Christian benevolence, though we hope the fact is otherwise.

Thirdly: The disturbed state of the country, and the consequent money crisis, have very greatly diminished the ability of God's people to give.

Yet we are able to mention this cheering fact, that the benefactions of Christians are both larger, and more equally divided among the various Boards of the Church, than in former years, thus showing an increasing and widening in the grace of giving, and which we believe and hope will prove a healthy growth.

Our reports, though very incomplete, show the following amounts, viz: Domestic Missions, $710; Foreign Missions, $700; Education, $438; Publication, $159; Church Extension, $1100; Disabled Ministers, $20; Congregational, $21,251; Miscellaneous, $636.

The Treasurer's report, just submitted, shows that but little has been contributed during the past summer; and the Treasurer *pro tem.* received nothing at our present meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,
J. P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

The Stated Clerk was also directed to forward to the General Assembly at Augusta, Georgia, the Annual Report prepared and published last Spring in our Minutes, with such additional facts as he may be able to collect from sources of information within his reach. **Annual Report.**

The following is the Statistical Report, a copy of which was ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and also to the General Assembly: **Statistical Report.**

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully Report to the Synod of North Carolina, that, at present, they

Report concluded. consist of 31 ministers, and have under their care 6 Licentiates, 5 candidates for the Ministry, and 64 Churches; on the 27th day of October, 1860, they received, by letter, Rev. S. C. Alexander, from the Presbytery of Concord; that on the 22nd day of November, 1860, they ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry, Mr. Malcom McNair, and installed him co-Pastor of Bethel Church; that on the 15th day of December, 1860, they installed Rev. Malcom McNair Pastor of Mt. Tabor Church; that on the 15th day ot March, 1861, they received, by letter, Rev. Andrew McMillan, from the Presbytery of East Alabama; that on the 16th day of the same month, they dissolved the Church of Everettsville, and also dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. James Sinclair and Smyrna Church, and licensed Messrs. James H. Colton, Robert P. Nicholson, and Simmons H. Isler, as probationers for the Gospel Ministry; that on the 23rd day of the same month, they installed Rev. Malcom McNair co-Pastor of Lumoerbridge Church; that on the 27th day of March, 1861, they lost by death Rev. Adam Gilchrist, in Lake City, Florida; that on the 4th day of May, 1861, they installed Rev. S. C. Alexander Pastor of Black River Chapel; that on the 18th day of August, 1861, they lost by death, Rev. George McNeill; that on the 10th day of October, 1861, they received, by letter, Rev. John M. Sherwood, from the Presbytery of Orange, that on the 11th day of the same month, they dissolved their connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and received Rev. James H. McNeill from the Presbytory of Elizabethtown, N. J., and dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. M. B. Grier and the 1st Church, Wilmington, and dismissed Mr. Grier to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

J. P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

Vote of Thanks The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery be returned to the members of Mt. Horeb congregation, and other friends, for their kind hospitalities, and also to the various Steam Boats and Rail Roads that tendered their courtesy to the members.

The Treasurer *pro tem.* reported informally, that no funds had been placed in his hands.

The Minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned, to meet in the city of Raleigh, N. C., during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

J. P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Statement of moneys received by Archibald McLean, Treasurer

Of Fayetteville Presbytery, to, and inclusive of Wednesday, the 9th October, A. D., 1861:

CHURCHES:	Disabled Ministers.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Church Extension.	Contingent Fund.	TOTAL.
James Martine, late Treasurer,	$	$ 748 80	$ 31 30	$ 33 30	$ 20 50	$195 95	$ 13 94	$ 1,043 79
Antioch,	8 05	24 27	26 78	9 60	10 05	10 35	12 00	101 10
Ashpole,							12 00	12 00
Bethcar,			4 11	27 00			8 00	39 11
Bethel,		24 75	21 00	6 25	2 00	1 25	10 00	65 25
Bethesda,		1 00					8 00	9 00
Big Rockfish,			13 14	8 10			10 00	31 24
Black River Chapel,		26 75	25 00	7 25		4 00		63 00
Bluff,		9 13	9 12					18 25
Buffalo,		21 50	33 18				18 00	72 68
Carthage,		10 50	14 50	3 00	3 00		6 00	37 00
Centre,		20 62	7 40				20 00	48 02
Cypress,		10 35	13 75	2 50	2 50			29 10
China Grove,							12 00	12 00
Everettsville,		10 00					4 00	14 00
Euphronia,		10 00	10 00				6 00	26 00
Galatia,							12 00	12 00
Grove,		25 00					17 00	42 00
Harmony,							6 00	6 00
Hopewell,							7 00	7 00
Lawrel Hill,		12 25	17 25	2 00	3 00		15 00	49 50
Laurinburgh,		4 00	5 00				6 00	15 00
Lebanon,		6 50	8 50	2 75	2 50		6 00	26 25
Lumber Bridge,		5 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	1 55	10 00	29 55
Lumberton,							4 00	4 00
Mineral Springs,		7 95					10 40	18 35
Mizpeh,							6 00	6 00
Montpelier,		6 20	11 20	4 25	4 25		8 00	33 90
Moore's Creek,			10 00				5 00	15 00
Mount Horeb,			13 00				10 00	23 00
Mount Carmel,		2 50	14 75				6 00	23 25
Mount Tabor,	75	3 50	5 20	75	1 25	1 00	10 00	22 45
Mount Zion,							4 00	4 00
Oak Plane,							3 00	3 00
Pee-Dee,		7 50	7 50				6 00	21 00
Philadelphus,		4 50	4 50	1 25	1 25	1 25	8 00	20 75
Rock-Fish,							8 00	8 00
Sandy Grove,		5 70	8 05			25	7 00	21 00
Smyrna,							12 00	12 00
South River Chapel,		2 00	2 00	1 15			5 00	10 15
St. Paul's,			12 15				10 00	22 15
Union, (Moore county,)		17 42	22 88	9 48	7 27		15 00	72 05
Wilmington, 1st Church,	12 12	145 50					30 00	187 65
" " 2nd " "			12 00	5 00			6 00	23 00
A member of Bluff Ch., by Mr. McBryde,			5 00					5 00
J. E. Hall, comp. of Mrs. McCannis' Will,		100 00						100 00
	$ 20 92	$ 1273 19	$373 26	$127 63	$ 61 57	$215 60	$392 34	$ 2,464 51
Paid out per Vouchers,		$ 125 00					254 29	379 29
Leaving in hand as of this date,	$ 20 92	$ 1,148 19	$373 26	$127 63	$ 61 57	$215 60	$138 05	$ 2,085 22

ARCHIBALD McLEAN, *Treasurer*

Fund for Disabled Ministers.

DR. FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY IN ACCOUNT WITH A. McLEAN, TREASURER. CR.

1861. Oct. 9	To new account,	$ 20	92	1861. Oct. 9.	By amount received per annexed statement,	$ 20	92
				Oct. 9.	By balance,	$ 20	92

Fund for Domestic Missions.

DR. FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY IN ACCOUNT WITH A. McLEAN, TREASURER. CR.

1861. Mar.30	To S. D. Powel's Draft, No. 28,—18th March, 1861, favor Rev. G. M. Gibbs, paid,	$ 25	00	1861. Oct. 9.	By balance from late Treasurer, and receipts since, per annexed statement,	$1,273	19
Apr.17	" Do. No.—, 8th April, '61, favor Rev. M. McQueen, paid,	50	00				
May27	" Do. No. 224, dated 27th May, '61, favor Rev. D. T. Towles, pd.	50	00				
Oct. 9.	Balance to new account,	1,148	19				
		$1,273	19				
						$1,148	19

Fund for Foreign Missions.

Dr. FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY IN ACCOUNT WITH A. McLEAN, TREASURER. **Cr.**

			1861 Oct. 9	By balance per statement,	$ 373	26

Education Fund.

Dr. FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY IN ACCOUNT WITH A. McLEAN, TREASURER. **Cr.**

			1861. Oct. 9	By Balance per statement,	$ 127	63

Publication Fund.

Dr. FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY IN ACCOUNT WITH A. McLEAN, TREASURER. **Cr.**

			1861 Oct. 9	By balance per statement,	$ 61	57

Church Extension Fund.

Dr. FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY IN ACCOUNT WITH A. McLEAN, TREASURER. **Cr.**

			1861 Oct 9	By balance per statement,	$ 215	60

Contingent Fund.

Dr. FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY IN ACCOUNT WITH A. McLEAN, TREASURER. Cr.

1861.				1861.			
April 4.	To account favor McNeill & Sherwood for printing fifty Circulars, $1.50,			Oct. 9.	By amount from late Treas'r, and Receipts since, per statement,	$392	34
	Do. Printing Minutes of Presbytery, April 20th & Oct'r 24th, 1860. $51 00,	$ 52	50				
April 11.	To order of Presbytery, favor J. E. Hall,	65	00				
" 16.	To order favor Rev. J. P. McPherson, for Stationery, &c., $4 54,						
	Salary, $50 00,	54	54				
" "	To Alex. Kelly's account—expenses attending a meeting of Trustees of Dav. College, Aug. 1860,	22	25				
Sept. 2.	D. A. Davis, Treas'r Synod of N. C.,—assessment, per receipt,	60	00				
October 9.	Balance to new account,	138	05				
		$392	34			$392	34
				Oct. 9.	By balance,	$138	05

Summary of Accounts.

BALANCES IN HAND OCTOBER 9TH, 1861.

Fund for disabled Ministers,	$ 20	92
Do. " Domestic Missions,	1,148	19
Do. " Foreign Missions,	373	26
Do. " Education,	127	63
Do. " Publication,	61	57
Do. " Church Extension,	215	60
Do. " Contingent Fund,	138	05
	$ 2,085	22

ARCHIBALD McLEAN, *Treasurer.*

Fayetteville, N. C., October 9th, 1861.

MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE,

HELD AT

UNION CHURCH, DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C., Oct. 6th–8th, 1864;
ANTIOCH CHURCH, ROBESON COUNTY, April 6th–8th, 1865;
BARBECUE CHURCH, HARNETT COUNTY, Oct. 5th–7th, 1865;

AND

SEVERAL ADJOURNED MEETINGS,

AT

Greensboro', Fayetteville, Mt. Horeb and Lumberton.

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1867.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD SESSIONS.

UNION CHURCH, DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.;
OCTOBER 6, 1864.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by Rev. S. C. Alexander, the last Moderator present, from 2d Peter, i: 19: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy."

After sermon, the Moderator took the Chair and opened the sessions with prayer.

MINISTERS PRESENT—H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, H. A. Monroe, C. Shaw, J. M. Sprunt, S. C. Alexander, J. M. Sherwood, M. McQueen, J. H. Coble, S. H. Isler and B. F. Marable.

RULING-ELDERS PRESENT—James B. Carr, Grove; John Carr, Union, (Duplin); Joel Williams, Bluff; Jacob Wells, Oak Plane; George L. McKay, Bethlehem, and J. K. Morisey, Clinton.

MINISTERS ABSENT—R. Tate, S. Colton, D.D., J. C. Sinclair, H. McNeill, N. McKay, G. M. Gibbs, D. B. Black, D. Johnson, H. McAlister, A. McMillan, N. McDonald, J. H. McNeill, D. T. Towles, D. D. McBryde, James Sinclair, Jas. McQueen, G. A. Russell, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, D. Fairley, M. McNair and J. H. Colton.

On motion, Rev. John H. Coble was chosen Moderator, and Rev. M. McQueen and Mr. J. K. Morisey Temporary Clerks.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of our last sessions was dispensed with.

Rev. Messrs. S. C. Alexander and B. F. Marable rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from our last stated sessions.

A communication was received from Rev. S. Colton, D.D., assigning reasons for absence from our present sessions, which were sustained.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met, when the Moderator announced the following Committees, viz:

ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—Rev. Messrs. J. M. Sprunt and C. Shaw, with John Carr, Ruling-Elder.

NARRATIVE TO SYNOD.—Rev. Messrs. H. A. Monroe and S. C. Alexander, with Joel Williams, Ruling-Elder.

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Rev. Messrs. J. M. Sprunt and B. F. Marable, with J. K. Morisey, Ruling-Elder.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.—Rev. J. M. Sprunt, and J. Wells, Ruling-Elder.
TREASURER *pro tem.*—Rev. J. M. Sherwood.

On motion, Free Conversation on the state of Religion was made the first, and the place and time of the next regular meeting of Presbytery the second, order of the day for 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Domestic Missions was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Committee appointed to prepare a short biographical sketch of the life and labors of Rev. Samuel Paisley presented their Report, which was accepted, and the Stated Clerk was authorized to procure a suitable Book in which this, and all similar papers which may hereafter be prepared, shall be recorded.

The resolutions appended to said Report were then adopted, and are as follow, viz:

1st. Resolved, That while Presbytery is sensible of the loss it has sustained in the death of this faithful and useful servant of Christ, yet we would sincerely thank God for the grace bestowed upon him, for his long and useful life in the holy Ministry, and for the testimony which he has left us, in his life and death, that he has gone to receive his reward in glory.

2d. Resolved, That it becomes us to be solemnly admonished to be earnest, zealous and faithful in the great work to which God has called us, for the night of death cometh when no man can work.

3d. Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family in the loss which they have sustained in the death of their venerable father; and we therefore direct that a copy of the preceding minute be forwarded to them.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was ordered to publish said sketch and resolutions in the "N. C. Presbyterian."

Rev. D. Fairley appeared in Presbytery and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and that the first half-hour of each day be spent in special prayer for our country and the revival of religion in our Churches.

Closed with prayer.

OCTOBER 7.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. Messrs. D. B. Black, G. M. Gibbs and D. T. Towles appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The following Ruling-Elders also appeared and their names were enrolled, viz: James McPhatter, Brown Marsh; James W. Boney, Rockfish; J. B. Pigford, Mt. Edwards, and Robert P. Bannerman, Hopewell.

Rev. T. B. Neill, of the Presbytery of South Carolina, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Report of the Committee on Domestic Missions was read, accepted, and recommitted to the same Committee.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. B. F. Marable, from Oak Plane Church, for one-half of his time, was presented and read, and being found in order, was, on motion, placed in his hands. Mr. Marable having signified his acceptance of said call, the following arrangements were made for his installation on Saturday before the third Sabbath, instant, viz: That Rev. S. C. Alexander preach the sermon; Rev. J. M. Sprunt preside, propose the constitutional questions, and deliver the charge to the Pastor; and Rev. C. Shaw deliver the charge to the people.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. James M. Sprunt, from Union Church, Duplin County, N. C., for one-half of his time, was presented and read, and being found in order, was placed in his hands. Mr. Sprunt having signified his acceptance of said call, the following arrangements were made for his installation at such time as may suit the parties concerned, viz: That Rev. B. F. Marable preach the sermon, preside and propose the constitutional questions; that Rev. G. M. Gibbs deliver the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. S. H. Isler the charge to the people.

A call for the pastoral services of Mr. A. N. Ferguson, a Licentiate under our care, from Ben-Salem Church, for one-half of his time, was presented and read; and being found in order, was, on motion, placed in his hands. Mr. Ferguson having signified his willingness to accept said call, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Ferguson hold himself in readiness for an examination on the usual parts of trial for ordination, at our next regular sessions.

A petition, signed by members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, praying for the organization of a Church on Big Juniper, in Moore County, N. C., was read; whereupon, on motion, said petition was granted, and the following Committee appointed to organize a Church there, if the way shall be found to be clear, viz: Rev. Messrs. J. C. Sinclair, D. Fairley and N. McKay, with Col. A. Kelly, Ruling-Elder.

Rev. James Sinclair appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr. John A. Woodburn, a Licentiate, was received under our care by letter from the Presbytery of Orange.

On motion, the Churches were called upon to report what action they had taken on the subject of the education of the children of deceased soldiers; when it appeared that the following had assumed the education of such children within their respective bounds, viz: Antioch, Philadelphus, Laurel Hill, Montpelier, Brown Marsh, Clinton, Mt. Zion, Rockfish, Pike, Black River Chapel, Moore's Creek, Fayetteville, Keith, Lillington, Mt. Williams, Mt. Edwards, Euphronia, Cypress, China Grove, Goldsboro', Hopewell, Oak Plane, Bluff, Bethlehem, Tirza, Grove, and Union (in Duplin.)

On motion, Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

A paper in reference to our Licentiates was read, and, on motion, made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

A paper in reference to the licensure of Candidates, and ordination of Ministers, was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Minutes of Synod.

The first order of the day for this afternoon, viz: Free Conversation on the state of Religion, was taken up, when reports were heard from the Churches.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That all the Churches which have not reported on the subject of the education of the children of deceased soldiers be, and hereby are, requested to send their reports to Judge Shepherd, the Secretary of the Committee, before the meeting of Synod.

The second order of the day, viz: The place and time of the next regular meeting of Presbytery, was taken up, when Antioch Church, Robeson County, N. C., was unanimously chosen as the place, and Thursday before the second Sabbath in April 1865, at 12 o'clock M., as the time.

Supplies to vacant Churches were called upon to report whether they had filled their appointments.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish in the "North Carolina Presbyterian," soon after our adjournment, the appointments that may be made to supply vacant Churches, and labor in the army.

The Ministers were called upon to report whether their salaries for the year 1863 had been paid; when it appeared that the Churches had fully met their obligations.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

OCTOBER 8—HALF-PAST 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The following Ruling-Elders appeared, and their names were enrolled, viz: Gibson S. Carr, Mt. Zion, and John P. Bannerman, Mt. Williams.

On motion, the first order of the day for this forenoon was postponed until 11 o'clock.

The report of the Committee on Domestic Missions, as amended, was presented, read, accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

To the Presbytery of Fayetteville at the Fall Sessions of 1864:

Mr. Moderator:—The Committee of Domestic Missions, in submitting their semi-annual Report, express regret that they have so few items to lay before your honorable body. We have only one Missionary laboring in the field with a commission from us, viz: Rev. D. T. Towles, who occupies yet the same ground to which he has heretofore been assigned. We have voted to the Church at Lumberton the sum of two hundred dollars per annum, beginning with the first of May last. This locality is regarded by the Committee as one of high importance in our Missionary field, and ought to receive the help and brotherly kindness of the Presbytery.

We have no report from the army. The action taken at your last meeting in reference to this subject has been allowed, as we fear, to rest too much in the resolution that was then adopted, and by consequence the brave men whose lives are put in daily peril for our liberty, both in the Church and in the State, have not had the Gospel preached unto them to the extent contemplated. Let us hope, and let us resolve afresh that prayer shall be made with more earnestness and fervency in behalf of the army, and of our country's cause; and now since dark shadows have fallen across the paths that seemed but lately so full of brightness and joy—let the sword of the Spirit go forth in its power, with importunate supplications to the throne of the Most High, that the word as preached may be made "quick and powerful," and that it may please God to grant us deliverance and peace with Himself and thankfulness for His great mercy to our land.

Respectfully submitted.
(Signed,) J. G. SHEPHERD, Secretary.

The following resolutions, appended to the above report, were also adopted, viz:

Resolved, That it be enjoined upon all the members of this Presbytery to spend one month preaching to the soldiers during the interval between this and the Spring meeting of Presbytery, and that their Churches be urged to pay their necessary expenses whilst so engaged.

Resolved, That we feel it incumbent upon us as a Presbytery to do more than we have been doing to supply the soldiers with the preached word, and we earnestly commend the work of the Chaplain or permanent Missionary to any of our number to whom such a position shall be opened in the Providence of God.

SUPPLIES TO VACANT CHURCHES.

White Plains—Rev. H. A. Monroe,	one Sabbath.
Whiteville—Rev. Colin Shaw,	" "
Elizabethtown—Mr. James Kelly,	" "
Macedonia—Rev. N. T. Bowden,	" "
Mineral Spring—Rev. M. McQueen,	" "
Second Church, Wilmington—Rev. J. M. Sprunt,	" "
Mizpeh—Rev. A. McMillan,	" "

These Brethren are expected, in each case, if the way be open, to administer the Sacrament in these Churches.

Eleven o'clock having arrived, the order of the day for this hour was taken up, when, on motion, the Presbytery resolved to sit with closed doors.

On motion, the following paper was adopted, viz:

Whereas, Duncan Sellars and John L. McIver, Licentiates of this Presbytery, have been preaching for a considerable time, and their ministerial services do not appear to have been edifying to the Churches, therefore,

Resolved, That this Presbytery deem it a duty to recall their license.

Whereupon, on motion, the following committee was appointed to bring in a minute expressing the views of Presbytery, viz: Rev. Messrs. H. McLean, G. M. Gibbs and J. P. McPherson, with Gibson S. Carr, Ruling-Elder.

Rev. J. M. Sherwood and Mr. George L. McKay obtained leave of absence.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess Presbytery met and resumed business.

The Treasurer's Report was presented, read, accepted and approved, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes. It was also

Resolved, That whereas the Contingent Fund is largely overdrawn; and whereas the assessment on our Churches is too low to meet the demands upon it, that said assessment be doubled for the present; and that such Churches as have not paid up their quota, make an immediate effort to collect the same and forward it to the Treasurer, Mr. Archibald McLean, Fayetteville.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Jacob Wells.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence would present the following Report, viz: That of our sixty-five Churches, according to the annual Report of Presbytery to the last General Assembly—

Twenty-two contributed to Domestic Missions;
Sixteen " " Foreign Missions;
Seventeen " " Education;
Thirteen " " Publication;
Six " " Church Extension;
Eight " " Disabled Ministers;
Eighteen to the Education of the children of deceased soldiers;
Eight " Miscellaneous objects.

As the Statistical reports from our Churches last Spring are incomplete, we have reason to believe that some contributed whose names are not recorded.

Upon the whole, while we have no doubt fallen far below the measure of our duty, yet we hope there is a radical improvement in the grace of giving.

In conclusion, we submit for your adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That all our Ministers and Church Sessions be earnestly enjoined to urge upon all the members of our Churches to contribute regularly and systematically to the various objects of Christian benevolence.

Respectfully submitted.

On motion, this Report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, a Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence was appointed, consisting of Rev. Messrs. J. P. McPherson, H. McLean and Maj. John McNeill, whose duty it shall be to prepare semi-annual reports on this subject for the adoption of Presbytery.

REPORT ON THE NARRATIVE.

Your Committee, appointed to report to Synod on the state of Religion within the bounds of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, beg leave to report:

That, at this time, there is nothing of special interest to communicate, and yet, under the circumstances, we have great reason for thankfulness.

Our Ministers and Churches are permitted quietly to go forward in the great work of preaching the Gospel to lost sinners unmolestedly in these times of war and bloodshed. Our Ministers, for the most part, are in the prime of life and devoted to their holy calling. Most of our Churches are furnished with the ministrations of the word of God, served either by Pastors or Stated Supplies.

Several calls for pastoral labor have been placed in the hands of Ministers during the present Sessions of Presbytery, and quite liberal salaries are both promised and paid, not only by our strong and wealthy Churches, but also by the more feeble.

Our people are animated by more than the usual spirit of liberality. Collections have been taken up in most of our Churches for the various causes of benevolence. The ministrations of God's house are well attended, and many additions, ranging from two to seventeen, have been made to our Churches. The children in large numbers have been collected into Sabbath-schools, and one of these schools is reported to have been in operation ever since the year 1833.

And many of the young people are formed into Bible-classes, and instructed by our Ministers. And the colored people, in many instances, receive oral instruction in addition to the preached word. And from this class the Church has received many accessions. Some four of our Ministers have spent a part of their time in preaching to the soldiers; and others have visited the army and remained for a short time, and the labors of these brethren have been blessed of God, as we trust, to the saving of many souls.

The children of deceased soldiers are cared for by our Churches. The sessions have taken action in most cases and resolved to educate all such children within their bounds. It will also be the aim of our sessions to gather their orphan children into Sabbath-schools, as far as practicable, and teach them to war a good warfare, and if possible, be instrumental in their salvation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion, this report was adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

Mr. Robert T. Murphy, a Ruling-Elder of Oak Plane Church, was introduced to Presbytery, desiring to be taken under our care, as a candidate for the Ministry; whereupon he was examined on Experimental Religion, and his motives in seeking the Ministry, which examination, on motion, was sustained, and his name was ordered to be enrolled as a candidate.

The Committee to whom the Minutes of Synod had been referred, submitted, as their report, the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, the licensure and ordination of candidates to the office of the Ministry, with the antecedent examination and trials, together with the dissolution of the pastoral relation when formed, are among the most solemn and responsible, and often the most difficult duties of an ecclesiastical judicatory, it is therefore

Resolved, That this Presbytery will, for the future, so far as practicable, refuse to license or ordain candidates for the Gospel Ministry, or dissolve the pastoral relation, except at our regular semi-annual meetings.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in the case of Duncan Sellars and John L. McIver beg leave to report: That in recalling the license of these brethren, they have been influenced solely by a regard to what they believe to be the duty of this body to Christ and His Church, these brethren having preached for many years, not to the edification of the Church, and without having received a call from any Church for the purpose of ordination.

In view of these facts, it was Resolved, That the former, Mr. Duncan Sellars, be directed to report to Black River Chapel, and the latter, Mr. John L. McIver, be directed to report to the Church of Buffalo.

Resolved, That the *Stated Clerk* be ordered to publish this Minute in the "North Carolina Presbyterian." Respectfully submitted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that said Minutes had not been placed in their hands, which was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

A petition, praying for the organization of a Church between Clinton and Warsaw, was presented and read, and after some discussion, granted; whereupon, on motion, Rev. Messrs. J. M. Sprunt, G. M. Gibbs and B. F. Marable, with James B. Carr, W. A. Faison and L. C. Graves, Ruling-Elders, were appointed a Committee to organize a Church there, if the way be clear.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education would respectfully report: That we have five candidates under our care; two of these, viz: Daniel McRae and Colin A. Cameron, are in the army; two of them, viz: James Campbell and John C. McLeod, are engaged in teaching, and the other, Mr. Robert T. Murphy, just received under our care, is acting as Clerk and Master in Equity in Sampson County. Mr. McLeod has made some progress in the study of Hebrew, and also some other branches of Theological knowledge. Mr. Campbell has failed to report to us for the last year or two.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. McPHERSON, Chairman.

Union Church, Oct. 8, 1864.

On motion, this report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, the *Stated Clerk* was directed to publish the usual number (600) copies of the Minutes.

On motion, Rev. James Sinclair was recommended to the Committee of Domestic Missions at Columbia, S. C., as a missionary to the soldiers.

The Stated Clerk read the Statistical Report to Synod, which was approved, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod. It is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that, at present, they consist of 33 Ministers, and have under their care 5 Licentiates, 5 candidates for the Ministry, and 65 Churches; that on the 27th day of November 1863, they licensed Messrs. Luther McKinnon and James Kelly to preach the Gospel as probationers for the Holy Ministry; that on the 31st day of October 1863, they installed Rev. G. A. Russell Pastor of Tirza Church; that on November 3d, 1863, they lost by death Mr. R. P. Nicholson, a licentiate under our care; that on the 16th day of December 1863, they received Rev. B. F. Marable from the Baptist Church; that on the 23d day of December 1863, they lost by death Rev. Samuel Paisley; that on the 7th day of October 1864, they received by letter, Mr. John A. Woodburn, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Orange; and that on they 8th day of October 1864, they recalled the license of Duncan Sellars and John L. McIver.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

The account for printing the Minutes of our last Spring sessions, and also for 500 blank sessional reports to Presbytery, was presented and ordered to be paid by the Treasurer out of the Contingent Fund. It is as follows, viz:

FAYETTEVILLE, Oct. 4, 1864.

Presbytery of Fayetteville,

To the "North Carolina Presbyterian," DR.

1864, Oct. 4th.	To printing 600 copies of Minutes,	$288 00
" "	Binding,	62 15

1864, Oct. 4. To Mailing,	$5 00
Postage,	12 00
	$367 15
Printing 500 blank sessional reports,	100 00
Total,	$467 15

The above blanks were distributed among the Churches by the Stated Clerk, allowing six copies to each Church.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Presbytery are due and are hereby tendered, to the congregation of Union Church for their generous hospitality to the members during our present sessions, and also to the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, and Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad for a free passage one way.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to publish in the "North Carolina Presbyterian" an abstract of the Minutes of our present sessions.

The Minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in Greensboro', N. C., during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GREENSBORO', N. C., OCTOBER 28, 1864.

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Fayetteville was held during the sessions of Synod in Greensboro', and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. H. Coble, and constituted with prayer.

MINISTERS PRESENT—J. M. Sherwood, J. H. Coble, G. M. Gibbs, D. D. McBryde, S. C. Alexander, J. McQueen, D. T. Towles, S. H. Isler and D. Fairley.

RULING-ELDER PRESENT—Dr. J. H. Hicks, Union (in Duplin.)

On motion, Rev. D. T. Towles was requested to act as Temporary Clerk.

On motion, Rev. Neill McKay was recommended to the Committee of Domestic Missions for an appointment to labor as a Missionary to the soldiers in the Trans-Mississippi army.

On motion, the Temporary Clerk was ordered to furnish Bro. McKay the recommendation to the Committee at Columbia.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Antioch Church, Robeson County, N. C., on Thursday before the second Sabbath in April 1865, at 12 o'clock M.

Closed with prayer.

D. T. TOWLES, Clerk *pro tempore.*

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., OCTOBER 27, 1865.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of Fayetteville Presbytery report: That they have discharged the duty assigned them, and recommend that said Minutes be approved as far as written.

COLIN SHAW, Moderator of Synod.

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH SESSIONS.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.,
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1865.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. J. H. Coble, the Moderator, from Revelation, vii: 13th and 14th verses: "And one of the Elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

After sermon, the Moderator took the Chair and opened the sessions with prayer.

MINISTERS PRESENT—J. C. Sinclair, H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, N. McDonald, M. McQueen, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble and M. McNair.

RULING-ELDERS PRESENT—Alex'r McMillan, Antioch; D. McLaurin, Fayetteville; A. J. McQueen, Smyrna; Dr. A. D. McLean, Centre, and Calvin Blue, Bethesda.

MINISTERS ABSENT—R. Tate, S. Colton, D.D., H. McNeill, H. A. Monroe, N. McKay, C. Shaw, G. M. Gibbs, D. B. Black, D. Johnson, A. McMillan, H. McAlister, J. M. Sprunt, J. H. McNeill, S. C. Alexander, D. T. Towles, D. D. McBryde, N. T. Bowden, D. Fairley, J. H. Colton, S. H. Isler and B. F. Marable.

On motion, Rev. N. McDonald was chosen Moderator, and Rev. A. McQueen and D. McLaurin, Esq., Temporary Clerks.

On motion, Presbytery had a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of our last session was dispensed with.

The following Brethren rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from our last regular meeting, viz: J. C. Sinclair, N. McDonald, M. McNair and A. McQueen.

Mr. D. McLaurin was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

On motion, the following orders of the day were fixed: The first order of the day for 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow: Free Conversation on the state of Religion. The second order of the day: To fix the place and time of our next regular meeting.

The Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Missions submitted the following statement, which was accepted, viz:

That he had been unable to secure a meeting of the Committee for the purpose of preparing a report. He stated, however, that the Rev. D. T. Towles, the only Missionary in our employment during the past year, had declined to have his commission renewed for the present.

We have now no Domestic Missionary employed within the bounds of the Presbytery.

The Chairman of the Committee on Education submitted the following statement, which was accepted, viz:

That during the past six months no application for pecuniary aid had been made to the Committee, and that nothing requiring the action of the Committee had occurred.

The Committee appointed by last Presbytery to visit the Church at Big Juniper to organize a Church there, if the way be clear, met at that place on Tuesday, the 13th of December 1864. Present: Rev. Messrs. D. Fairley, J. C. Sinclair, and Alexander Kelly, Elder. Rev. N. McKay being out of the State, was, of course, absent. After sermon by Bro. Fairley, the Committee took a short recess; after which the Committee met, and finding the way clear, organized the Church, having received by certificate four members from Barbecue Church, three on examination, and some from Buffalo. William McDougald, formerly Elder in Barbecue Church, and David Gaster, formerly member of Mt. Pisgah, were elected Elders, and Alexander G. McBryde, Deacon. Since then, Donald McGilvary was elected Elder, and James McBryde Deacon—the last three from Buffalo Church.

The designation of this new organizhtion is St. Andrew's; and has now an ordained Session of three Elders, two Deacons, and twenty-two members, and the Session have assessed them in $7 for Contingent Fund.

(Signed,) J. C. SINCLAIR, Chairman.

This Report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the education of the children of deceased soldiers did not present any report.

On motion, the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly was made the first order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

The following paper was unanimously adopted, viz:

Whereas, at the last sessions of Presbytery the Stated Clerk was directed to procure a suitable blank book in which to record the biographical sketches of our deceased Ministers: And whereas, the kind and generous Pastor and Session of Antioch Church, in which we are now assembled, have presented to us a large and valuable book for this purpose: Therefore

Resolved, That said Pastor and Session have, by their timely and generous kindness, supplied us with a book which could not otherwise have been procured these war times, and therefore that they are entitled to our sincere thanks, and that the Stated Clerk communicate the same to them.

It was further

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to transcribe biographical sketches from our previous Minutes into this book.

On motion, Luke xix: 10, was assigned to Mr. A. N. Ferguson as a text for a trial-sermon for ordination.

On motion, his examination on his literary course was referred to the different Committees.

The Committee on Languages asked and obtained leave of absence for the purpose of examining Mr. Ferguson.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz:

Religious Exercises.—Rev. H. McLean and Alexander McMillan.

Narrative to General Assembly.—Rev. Messrs. J. H. Coble, M. McQueen and D. McLaurin, Esq.

The usual Committees on Sessional Records were appointed.

The Committee on Languages reported, that they had examined Mr. Ferguson on the Greek and Hebrew languages, and also on Mental and Moral Philosophy, and recommended that this examination be sustained as a satisfactory part of trials for ordination, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning; and that the first half-hour be spent in earnest prayer for our country.

Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning, April 7.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. Andrew McMillan appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from our last, and also for tardiness at our present sessions.

On motion, the roll was called to ascertain if the salaries of Ministers had been paid, when it appeared that Rev. Messrs. J. C. Sinclair, H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, N. McDonald, J. M. Sherwood, M. McQueen and J. H. Coble had been fully paid. Rev. A. McMillan reported that he had not been paid, and Rev. M. McNair that he had been paid at Mt. Tabor, but not at Lumber Bridge and Bethel.

Messrs. A. N. Ferguson and James Kelly, Licentiates, reported that they had been paid.

On motion, Presbytery heard Mr. Ferguson's trial-sermon on the text previously assigned him, which was sustained.

Rev. H. McNeill appeared in Presbytery and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and also for absence from our last regular sessions.

On motion, Free Conversation on the state of Religion was taken up, when reports on this subject were heard.

Rev. Evander McNair, of the Presbytery of East Alabama, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A statement was made of the necessary absence of Mr. Calvin Blue, whereupon, on motion, his reason for absence was sustained.

On motion, the place and time of the next regular meeting of Presbytery was taken up, when Barbecue Church, Harnett County, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Thursday before the second Sabbath in October 1865, at 12 o'clock M., was fixed as the time.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, when Rev. Messrs. J. M. Sherwood and James McQueen were chosen as principals, and Rev. Messrs. A. McMillan, alternate to the former, and S. H. Isler alternate to the latter.

Hon. J. G. Shepherd, Ruling-Elder of Fayetteville Church, and Col. A. J. McQueen, Ruling-Elder of Smyrna Church, were chosen as principals, and Archibald Smith, Ruling-Elder of Centre Church, alternate to the former, and Gen. A. D. McLean, Ruling-Elder of Tirza Church, alternate to the latter.

The Sessional Records of Bethesda, Carthage, Mt. Tabor, Smyrna and Ashpole were approved.

Rev. J. C. Sinclair asked and obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this afternoon.

Mr. A. N. Ferguson was examined on Experimental Religion, Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and the Sacraments; which examinations were, on motion, sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

Mr. Ferguson having now passed through all the parts of trial, on motion, these were sustained as a whole.

Whereupon, on motion, half-past ten o'clock to-morrow morning was fixed as the order of the day for his ordination, and Rev. M. McQueen was appointed to preach the ordination sermon.

The following Committee was appointed to install Mr. Ferguson Pastor of Ben-Salem Church, Saturday before the third Sabbath in May next, viz: Rev. M. McQueen to preach the sermon, preside and propose the constitutional questions; Rev. D. Fairley to deliver the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. N. T. Bowden the charge to the people.

The following Sessional Records were approved, viz: Antioch, Philadelphus, Big Rockfish and Centre.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 8.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on the Narrative presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. It is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully submit to the General Assembly the following report on the State of Religion within its bounds during the past year:

Externally the condition of our Churches has been encouraging. The attendance on the means of Grace has been great. In some of our Churches there are prayer-meetings and Sabbath-schools; in others there are none. Our people have manifested a commendable liberality in providing an adequate support for their Pastors and Stated Supplies. And the duty of contributing to the various objects of benevolence has been attended to; but the contributions have not been so generous as an enlarged Christian spirit demands. With regard to the spiritual condition of our Churches, we have nothing special to report. And yet, we record with gratitude, that God has not left us without some tokens of His gracious presence. Although the Spirit has not descended upon us like a rushing, mighty wind, yet we trust that the leaven of Gospel truth has been silently, but effectually working in our midst, and that some have been added to nearly all our Churches of such as shall be saved.

Still there is much to deplore and mourn over. The war is the all absorbing theme, and worldliness and covetousness prevail too much. While there are hidden ones in all our Churches, who adorn the doctrine of God our Savionr in all things, there is reason to fear, that there are too many who do not experience the controlling influence of the power and preciousness of the truth as it is in Jesus; that there is not that vital godliness—that entire, heartfelt consecration to the service of the Master and that wrestling in humble, fervent prayer which indicate that high-toned spirituality which always prevails when God brings His people into a sacred nearness to Himself.

May God, in His infinite mercy visit us with the mighty outpouring of His Spirit, and revive pure and undefiled religion in our midst!

Recently, the army of General Sherman passed through our bounds, and a very considerable number of our Churches suffered severely. Our people were despoiled of a vast amount of wealth. Many of our congregations have been reduced from affluence to poverty. A number of our Church edifices were badly mutilated, and one was wantonly destroyed by fire. We recognize the righteous hand of God in this sore affliction. We acknowledge that He has justly chastised us for our sins. And we do humbly beseech Him, that this great calamity may be sanctified to our souls, and be made the means of chastening us; that the affections of our people may be withdrawn from the world and fixed on things above, that the Lord may indeed be the "portion of our inheritance and of our cup."

(Signed,)
J. H. COBLE,
M. McQUEEN, } Committee.
D. McLAURIN,

The hour for the order of the day, viz: the ordination of

Mr. A. N. Ferguson to the work of the Gospel Ministry, having arrived, that subject was taken up; when Rev. M. McQueen preached the sermon, from Ephesians iv: 11, 12: "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers, for the work of the Ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

The Moderator then proposed the constitutional questions, and to these having received satisfactory answers, Mr. Ferguson was solemnly ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery; after which each of the brethren took the newly-ordained Bishop by the hand, saying, "We give you the right-hand of fellowship, to take part of this Ministry with us." After which Mr. Ferguson took his seat as a member of the Presbytery.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to issue the usual orders upon the Treasurer of Presbytery.

On motion, the roll was called to ascertain whether the Ministers had complied with the injunction of Presbytery, at our last Fall sessions, to spend one month each in the army, when it appeared that, for various reasons, they had generally failed to do so.

The Committee on Religious Exercises submitted their report, which was accepted.

The following supplies for vacant Churches were made, viz:

ELIZABETHTOWN—Rev. C. Shaw.
WHITEVILLE—Rev. S. C. Alexander.
MACEDONIA—Rev. Messrs. Ferguson and M. McQueen.
MIZPEH—Rev. A. McMillan.
MT. PISGAH—Rev. G. A. Russell.
BETHLEHEM—Rev. J. M. Sherwood. Each one Sabbath.

Rev. Evander McNair, of the Presbytery of East Alabama, was invited, on motion, to preach within our bounds during his sojourn amongst us.

Mr. D. McLaurin, Treasurer *pro tem.*, was, on motion, directed to pay over the funds in his hands to the Treasurer of Presbytery, Mr. Archibald McLean.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical Report to the General Assembly, which was read, accepted and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to that body. It is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the General Assembly, that, at present, they consist of 34 Ministers, and have under their care 5 Licentiates, 5 candidates for the Ministry, and 66 Churches; that on the 7th day of October 1864, they received by letter, Mr. John A. Woodburn, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Orange; that on the 8th day of the same month, they recalled the license of Duncan Sellars and John L. McIver; that on the 13th day of December 1864, they organized the Church of St. Andrew's, and that on the 8th day of April 1865, they ordained Mr. Angus N. Ferguson to the full work of the Gospel Ministry.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

The Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence not being prepared to report, in consequence of the absence of the Treasurer's report, were instructed to prepare and forward said report to the General Assembly.

The Stated Clerk was also directed to prepare and forward to the Assembly the annual report.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the sincere and hearty thanks of Presbytery are due, and are hereby tendered, to the congregation of Antioch, for their generous hospitality during our present sessions.

The Minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Barbecue Church, Harnett County, N. C., on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October 1865, at 12 o'clock M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH SESSIONS.

Barbecue Church, Harnett County, N. C.,
October 5, 1865.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Neill McDonald, the Moderator, from 1st Corinthians, xvi: 13, 14: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men; be strong. Let all your things be done with charity."

After sermon, the Moderator took the Chair and opened the sessions with prayer.

Ministers Present—J. C. Sinclair, H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, H. A. Monroe, Neill McKay, Neill McDonald, J. M. Sherwood, M. McQueen, G. A. Russell, J. H. Coble, D. Fairley, J. H. Colton and A. N. Ferguson.

Ruling-Elders Present—Donald Morrison, Barbecue; William McDougald, St. Andrew's; John Dalrymple, Buffalo; Dr. Duncan Sinclair, Big Rockfish; B. Fuller, Fayetteville; D. McDonald, Union (in Moore); Peter Monroe, Sandy Grove; A. C. Leach, Centre; L. D. Cameron, Cypress; Robert T. Murphy, Oak Plane; Neill McDugald, Bethlehem, and John H. Ballantine, Brown Marsh.

MINISTERS ABSENT—R. Tate, S. Colton, D.D., H. McNeill, C. Shaw, G. M. Gibbs, D. B. Black, D. Johnson, A. McMillan, H. McAlister, J. M. Sprunt, S. C. Alexander, D. T. Towles, D. D. McBryde, James Sinclair, James McQueen, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, M. McNair, S. H. Isler and B. F. Marable.

On motion, Rev. David Fairley was chosen Moderator, and Rev. J. H. Coble and Mr. B. Fuller Temporary Clerks.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

The Minutes of the last regular sessions of Presbytery were read.

Rev. Messrs. H. A. Monroe, N. McKay, G. A. Russell, D. Fairley and J. H. Colton, (the latter for several preceding meetings,) rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last regular meetings of Presbytery.

Charles McKinnon, Ruling-Elder of Sharon, and Gen. A. D. McLean, Ruling-Elder of Tirza, appeared in Presbytery, and their names were enrolled.

On motion, 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow was made the hour for Free Conversation on the state of Religion; and to appoint the place and time for the next regular meeting of Presbytery the second order of the day.

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented their Report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Missions reported: That he had been unable to secure a meeting of the Committee. He stated, however, that we have now no Missionary employed within the bounds of the Presbytery, and also called attention to the fact that there is a vacancy in the Committee, caused by the death of Rev. James H. McNeill.

The Committee on Education submitted their Report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee on Education would respectfully report: That we have under our care five candidates for the Ministry, viz: James Campbell, John C. McLeod, Daniel McRae, Colin A. Cameron and Robert T. Murphy.

In reference to Mr. Campbell, the Committee would like to have some instructions from your body. For several years we have heard nothing directly from him, and we think his name should be dropped from our roll as a candidate,

1st. Because of the very unusual length of time he has been under our care—some 12 or 15 years. And

2d. Because he is living out of our bounds and generally fails to submit any report to us.

Mr. McLeod has not only reported to us regularly, but he is making some progress in his theological studies, and would probably have been prepared for licensure this Fall, but for the fact that his trial-pieces, and all, or nearly all, his books were destroyed by our political enemies. He is now engaged in teaching, and will repair his losses as speedily as possible.

From Mr. McRae we have heard nothing direct in several years, except that, as a soldier, he was engaged in defence of his country.

Mr. Cameron has never failed to report regularly, although he has been unable to make any progress in his studies, being in the army.

Mr. Murphy has been holding an important civil office, but we hope that he may now attend the Seminary, and prepare regularly for the great work before him.

As there are no funds on hand for this object, and as some of the foregoing brethren need pecuniary aid, we hope the Churches will not fail to contribute to this cause at once, and as they shall be able. As we are placed in peculiar *national* circumstances, and as from necessity the South must, to a great extent, furnish its own Ministers, we entreat the brethren and the Churches to remember this cause, so vital to the well-being and prosperity of the Church, in all their prayers and benefactions. Respectfully submitted.

J. P. McPHERSON, Chairman.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence would respectfully report: 1st. That no formal report was prepared last Spring, mainly because there were no materials from which a satisfactory statement could be prepared, the Treasurer, owing to the disturbed state of the country, being unable to send up to us his report.

A statement, though very imperfect, would nevertheless have been forwarded to the General Assembly, had that body been permitted to convene.

2d. We are now unprepared to make any specific report as to what our Churches have contributed during the past year, though we believe they gave largely; still the funds contributed became valueless before they could reach the various objects for which they were intended.

3d. In the present altered state of the country, our people having generally become impoverished, and money being extremely scarce, it is not to be expected that much can be done, at present, for any of the schemes of Christian benevolence; yet we would affectionately and urgently recommend to the Churches under our care, to do as much as in them lies, to aid the cause of Christ, knowing that He loves a cheerful giver, whatever may be the amount of the benefaction bestowed.

In conclusion, we offer for your adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That it be solemnly recommended to each member of our Church, that he contribute something, however small the amount, to each of the objects claiming a share of our beneficence. If we cannot give our hundreds and our tens, as in times past, we can still give according as our God has prospered us.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. McPHERSON, Chairman.

A printed circular from the Stated and Permanent Clerks of the General Assembly, suggesting a meeting of that body in the city of Macon, Georgia, on the second Thursday (14th day) of December 1865, at 11 o'clock A. M., was read; whereupon, on motion, the Commissioners chosen at our last Spring sessions were continued, and the Stated Clerk was directed to make out new Commissions.

The Committee appointed to install Rev. A. N. Ferguson Pastor of Ben-Salem Church, reported that they discharged that duty at the time appointed—May 20th, 1865.

The brethren appointed to supply vacant Churches were called upon to report, when it appeared, that Rev. Messrs. J. M. Sherwood, M. McQueen and A. N. Ferguson had performed the duty assigned them.

The death of Rev. James H. McNeill was announced, whereupon, on motion, the following brethren were appointed a Committee to prepare a biographical sketch and report next Spring, viz: Rev. Messrs. J. M. Sherwood and Neill McKay, with Messrs. B. Fuller and J. G. Shepherd.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning, and that half an hour be spent in religious exercises each morning.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and spent one half-hour in religious exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Archibald B. Currie, Ruling-Elder of Ben-Salem Church, appeared in Presbytery, and his name was enrolled.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz:

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—Rev. Messrs. J. C. Sinclair and A. N. Ferguson, with D. Morrison.

NARRATIVE TO SYNOD—Rev. Messrs. M. McQueen and H. A. Monroe, with R. T. Murphy.

TREASURER *pro tem.*—Rev. J. M. Sherwood.

Presbytery then proceeded to the first order of the day, viz: Free Conversation on the State of Religion, when reports were heard from the various Churches under our care.

Rev. Messrs. D. D. McBryde and James McQueen appeared in Presbytery, and rendered reasons for tardiness, and also for absence from our last regular sessions, which were deemed satisfactory.

The following Ruling-Elders appeared and their names were enrolled, viz: Neill R. Blue, Galatia; B. G. Worth, First Church, Wilmington; Alexander Kelly, Carthage; and H. McNeill, Mt. Pisgah.

The second order of the day, viz: to select the place and time of our next regular meeting, was taken up, when Oak Plane Church, Sampson County, N. C., was unanimously chosen as the place, and Thursday before the second Sabbath in April 1866, at 12 o'clock M., as the time.

Calls from Brown Marsh and Mt. Horeb congregations, for the pastoral services of Mr. James Kelly, were read, and being found in order, were, on motion, placed in his hands.

James P. Hodges, Ruling-Elder of Sardis Church, appeared in Presbytery and his name was enrolled.

Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

The Treasurer's Report was read, and, on motion, accepted and approved. It is as follows, viz:

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 5, 1865.

Rev. J. P. McPherson, Stated Clerk of Presbytery of Fayetteville:

DEAR SIR: I have to report, that all the papers, books and funds belonging to the Presbytery, in my hands, were discovered and destroyed by Sherman's army, when it passed through this section in March last, leaving not a vistage behind.

Supposing that my Bank would be made the object of search and destruction, I placed everything relating to the Treasury in the hands of a gentleman residing in the country, who took every pains to conceal and save them.

In the face of all his efforts, they were discovered and destroyed. There is no trace left but what may be found in the published Minutes. It may be proper to state, that the funds were in Confederate currency and four per cent. certificates, and had they been saved would now be utterly worthless.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.
(Signed,) ARCHIBALD McLEAN, Treasurer.

The Committee on religious exercises reported in part, which was accepted.

A statement was made by Rev. D. D. McBryde relative to a communication from the Church of Goldsboro', asking Presbytery to send a Minister to that Church; whereupon, on motion, the matter was referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Stated Clerk presented and read a letter from Rev. D. T. Towles, requesting a letter of dismission to join the Presbytery of Bethel, S. C., which, on motion, was granted; and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish brother Towles with the usual testimonials.

On motion, the election of Trustees of Davidson College was made the first, and the election of Trustees of the Donaldson Academy, the second order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Mr. James Kelly signified his willingness to accept the calls placed in his hands by Presbytery; whereupon Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr. Kelly on Experimental Religion and his motives in seeking the Gospel Ministry, Natural and Revealed Theology, Church History, the Sacraments, and Church Government, which examination, on motion, was sustained as satisfactory.

A resolution in relation to education was read, and, on motion, made the third order of the day for to-morrow morning.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The first order of the day for this morning was, on motion, postponed for the present.

The second order of the day was taken up, whereupon

Messrs. B. Fuller and Joseph Utley were elected Trustees of Donaldson Academy.

The third order of the day was taken up, whereupon the resolution previously laid upon the table was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

That in view of the paucity of candidates for the Gospel Ministry, the loud calls for laborers in the Master's vineyard, especially in our Southern Zion, Presbytery regards the cause of education of special importance and earnestly calls the attention of Pastors and people to the importance of contributing largely to this cause.

The following preamble and resolution were read, accepted and adopted, viz:

Whereas, rumors, injuriously affecting the Christian and Ministerial character of Rev. James Sinclair, a member of this Presbytery, are extensively circulated and believed both within our own proper bounds, and to a considerable degree also throughout the State, which, if true, are seriously detrimental to the cause of religion and morality generally, and especially in this Presbytery, therefore

Resolved, That a Committee of three be now appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine into the existence of such rumors and report to this meeting of Presbytery such facts as they may be able to gather touching the subject-matter thereof, for such action as Presbytery may deem proper in the premises.

The Moderator appointed, as this Committee, Rev. Messrs. J. M. Sherwood and Neill McKay, with B. Fuller, Ruling-Elder.

The first order of the day was taken up, whereupon the following brethren were chosen Trustees of Davidson College, viz: Rev. J. M. Sherwood for the term of two years, Mr. Alexander Kelly for three years, and Rev. D. D. McBryde for four years.

Petitions were read, praying Presbytery to restore license to J. L. McIver to preach the Gospel; whereupon, on motion, said petitions were laid upon the table.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made a final report, which was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on Languages reported that they had examined Mr. James Kelly on the above subjects and recommended that said examination be sustained as a satisfactory part of trial for ordination, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences also reported that they had examined Mr. Kelly on Philosophy and recommended that this examination be sustained, which was accepted and adopted.

Mark viii: 36: was assigned to Mr. Kelly as a text for a trial-sermon for ordination.

The following paper was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That while Presbytery will not harbor, much less give utterance to, feelings of malice and revenge towards their brethren of the Old School Presbyterian Church, North; yet, judging from the deliverances of the late General Assembly assembled at Pittsburgh, they do not believe that a re-union would be conducive to the peace, prosperity or purity of either branch of the Church.

No reports were heard from the following Committees, viz: To install Rev. B. F. Marable, Pastor of Oak Plane Church, and Rev. James M. Sprunt Pastor of Union (in Duplin,) and to organize a Church midway between Clinton and Warsaw.

On motion, the Pastors and Stated Supplies were requested to call upon the Churches under their charge to contribute to the Contingent Fund, and that the funds collected be forwarded to the Treasurer.

The Stated Clerk was directed to issue the usual orders on the Treasurer.

The Committee on the Narrative to Synod reported, which was accepted and adopted and a copy ordered to be forwarded:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville, in submitting their Annual Report to Synod on the State of Religion within our bounds, would acknowledge with humility, that the hand of the Lord has been laid upon us, in permitting a hostile army to pass through our midst like a besom of destruction, not only despoiling many of our people of their wealth, but, in some instances, mutilating our houses of worship, and, in one case, destroying it by fire.

Still we rejoice in the goodness of the Lord in sparing the lives of all our Ministers, save Rev. James H. McNeill, who fell in defence of his country; and in constantly adding to the number of those who stand as watchmen on the walls of Zion to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Previous to the presence of the Federal army within our bounds, the usual contributions were made to the cause of Christian benevolence; but since that time no collections have been attempted, because our people generally have had only a mere subsistence, money being extremely scarce.

While there is not that spirituality in our Churches which we could desire, still the attendance on the means of grace has generally been good, and most of our Churches report encouraging additions, whilst two of them have been blessed with a gracious outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Still our rejoicings must be mingled with sadness, because iniquity is abounding, and the love of many is waxing cold. Especially do we mourn that the colored people seem to have lost much of that interest which they formerly manifested in the means of grace, very many of them absenting themselves altogether from the house of God. We also deeply regret to say that there has been, during the past year, an alarming increase in the manufacture and use of ardent spirits in many of our congregations; yet, thus far, intemperance among our Church members does not prevail to any considerable extent. Still the evil is a growing one among those who are unconverted, and therefore causes us some alarm.

These, together with covetousness and other sins of a like nature, should cause us to humble ourselves under our present calamities, and lead us to repentance and a renewed zeal for the glory of God. Respectfully submitted.

The Committee to whom was referred the paper in relation to Rev. James Sinclair submitted their Report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the paper touching the case of Rev. James Sinclair respectfully report: That they are satisfied that the interests of religion, the good of the Church, and the character of the Ministry, require an investigation of the matters alleged in said paper; and they recommend that a Committee, consisting of William McL. McKay, a Ruling-Elder of the Church in Fayetteville, and Rev. J. H. Coble, be appointed to examine further into the matter, and report to the adjourned meeting of Presbytery, to be held in Fayetteville during the approaching sessions of Synod.

On motion, Presbytery took a recess for one half-hour.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Presbytery are due, and are hereby tendered, to the congregation of Barbecue, for their generous hospitality to us during our present sessions.

Rev. John C. Sinclair requested a letter of dismission to connect himself with the Presbytery of the Island of Mull, Argyleshire, Scotland; whereupon, on motion, this request was granted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to give him the usual testimonials.

Mr. Laughlin W. Currie, a member of the Church in Carthage, was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the holy Ministry, and after examination on Experimental Religion and his motives for seeking the Ministry, he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Mt. Horeb Church, Bladen County, N. C., Thursday before the third Sabbath in November next, at 12 o'clock M.

STATISTICAL REPORT TO SYNOD.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina: That, at present, they consist of 31 Ministers, and have under their care 5 Licentiates, 6 candidates for the Ministry, and 66 Churches; that on the 13th day of December, 1864, they organized the Church of St. Andrew's; that on the 8th day of April, 1865, they ordained Mr. Angus N. Ferguson, a Licentiate under our care, to the full work of the Gospel Ministry; that on the 31st day of March, 1865, they lost by death Rev. James H. McNeill; that on the 20th day of May, 1865, they installed Rev. A. N. Ferguson Pastor of Ben-Salem Church; that on the 6th day of October, 1865, they dismissed Rev. D. T. Towles to connect himself with the Presbytery of Bethel, S. C., and that on the 7th day of the same month they dismissed Rev. John C. Sinclair to connect himself with the Presbytery of the Island of Mull, Argyleshire, Scotland.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

The Minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in Fayetteville, N. C., during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

FIRST ADJOURNED MEETING.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., OCT. 26, 1865.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator and was constituted with prayer.

Ministers Present—H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, H. A. Monroe, Neill McKay, C. Shaw, G. M. Gibbs, A. McMillan, N. McDonald, S. C. Alexander, J. M. Sherwood, D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen, G. A. Russell, N. T. Bowden, J. H. Coble, D. Fairley, M. McNair, J. H. Colton, S. H. Isler, B. F. Marable and A. N. Ferguson.

Ruling-Elders Present—Dan'l McKinnon, Centre; Gen. A. D. McLean, Tirza; Wm. J. Thompson, Clinton; Duncan Murchison, China Grove; Dr. C. T. Murphy, Oak Plane; Wm. A. Faison, Union (in Duplin); Dr. D. N. Patterson, Pedee; B. Fuller, Fayetteville; Dr. D. Sinclair, Big Rockfish, and A. G. McBryde, St. Andrew's.

Ministers Absent—R. Tate, S. Colton, D.D., H. McNeill, D. B. Black, D. Johnson, H. McAlister, J. M. Sprunt, Jas. Sinclair and A. McQueen.

On motion, Rev. C. Shaw was appointed to preach the sermon at the installation of Mr. James Kelly, preside and propose the constitutional questions; Rev. G. A. Russell deliver the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. B. F. Marable the charge to the people. Rev. S. C. Alexander alternate to Rev. C. Shaw; Rev. N. McDonald alternate to Rev. G. A. Russell, and Rev. J. M. Sprunt alternate to Rev. B. F. Marable.

The following brethren rendered excuses for absence from our last sessions, which were deemed satisfactory, viz: C. Shaw, G. M. Gibbs, A. McMillan, S. C. Alexander, N. T. Bowden, M. McNair and B. F. Marable.

Mr. John B. McKinnon, a member of the Church at Davidson College, was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, and after sustaining a satisfactory examination on Experimental Religion and his reasons for seeking to enter the Ministry, was taken under the care of Presbytery.

Mr. McKinnon having been informed of his reception as a candidate, and having signified his readiness to submit to an examination on his literary course, was referred to the respective Committees.

On motion, the case of Rev. James Sinclair was taken up, whereupon the several papers connected with the case were read, and then the Committee appointed at our late sessions made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

To the Presbytery of Fayetteville:

The undersigned Committee, appointed by Presbytery at its recent meeting held at Barbecue Church, in the County of Harnett, to investigate certain rumors prejudicial to the Christian and Ministerial character of the Rev. James Sinclair, report: That they have discharged that duty and find that the rumors are well founded; that the evidence to sustain the charges against him will be forthcoming at any time the Presbytery will name, upon giving the witnesses reasonable notice of the time and place.

Instead of an extended report, setting forth the names of witnesses, and other evidence upon which the charges are based, and without stating what we heard from the different witnesses, we will simply state, that the witnesses and the written testimony can be procured, and we believe that it is sufficient to warrant a conviction; and believing farther, that as moral men, to say nothing about the obligations resting upon professing Christians and Ministers of the Gospel, we are bound by every consideration that can be presented to the minds of those who love the Presbyterian Church, and desire its prosperity, that these charges should be fully and judicially investigated,

We respectfully recommend that this Presbytery appoint a prosecuting Committee, and proceed to a judicial investigation of the common rumors so prejudicial to the Christian character of said James Sinclair.

W. McL. McKAY, } Committee.
J. H. COBLE, }

October 24, 1865.

Rev. C. Shaw and W. McL. McKay were appointed a Committee to prosecute the case.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer.

OCTOBER 27.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was constituted with prayer.

The Committee on Languages stated to Presbytery that Mr. J. B. McKinnon had determined to continue his literary studies, and for this reason his examination was postponed to a subsequent day.

Mr. John M. McIver, a member of Buffalo Church, was introduced to Presbytery, and after a satisfactory examination on Experimental Religion and his reasons for seeking to enter the Ministry, was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the holy Ministry.

The following Committee was appointed to install Mr. James Kelly Pastor of Brown Marsh Church, (if the way be clear,) on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in November next, viz: Rev. H. McLean preach the sermon, preside and propose the constitutional questions; Rev. A. McQueen deliver the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. J. H. Coble the charge to the people.

Rev. Messrs. N. McKay and G. A. Russell were appointed a Committee to assign Mr. J. M. McIver his trial-pieces. Mr. McIver was referred to the different Committees for an examination on his literary course.

On motion, the case of Rev. James Sinclair was taken up; whereupon the Committee of prosecution submitted their Report, which was accepted and adopted:

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, held in the Session-Room of the Presbyterian Church in the town of Fayetteville, on Thursday evening, October 26th, 1865, the Presbytery, after hearing the report of a Committee appointed at Barbecue Church, in the County of Harnett, to investigate certain rumors prejudicial to the Christian and Ministerial character of the Rev. James Sinclair —rumors brought to the knowledge of Presbytery by "common fame" as the accuser—appoints the Rev. Colin Shaw (Minister) and W. McL. McKay (Ruling-Elder) to prepare charges and specifications against Rev. James Sinclair, and state, as far as possible, the charge, the time and place, with all the attending circumstances, that the accused may have every opportunity of defending himself.

In accordance with said appointment, the said Committee report the following Charges and Specifications, which charges and specifications they ask may be signed by the Moderator or Clerk, by order and in the name of the Presbytery, and served upon the accused at least ten days before the time of trial.

CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

CHARGE FIRST.—FOR GROSS IMMORALITY.

Specification 1st.—In this: That the Rev. James Sinclair, in connection with —— ——, did purchase at open sale in the town of Lumberton, N. C., a certain free-man of color named Kiff Mitchel, who was sold for his cost and charges of imprisonment, under the laws of North Carolina in such case made and provided; and that so becoming the owner of said free-man of color for a limited time, as provided by law, the said James Sinclair did, by himself or his associate, afterwards sell into perpetual slavery the said free-man of color, and receive therefor his part of the price; and this, although the said free-man of color left a wife behind him in the County of Robeson. This was about the year 1862.

Witness: Capt. C. Godwin and a letter of said Sinclair.

Specification 2d.—In this: That the said James Sinclair, contrary to his duty as a Christian man and Minister of the Gospel, did openly expose to sale, and did sell by himself or others for him, intoxicating liquors. This was in the County of Robeson and within two years.

Witnesses: J. R. Carter, R. King, and ——— French.

Specification 3d.—In this: That the said James Sinclair did falsely and fraudulently attempt to appropriate to his own use, a barrel of ice, belonging to one J. T. Petteway; and that in the prosecution of this fraudulent design he removed from the barrel the ticket containing the name of the owner, with intent to destroy the evidence of his property in it. This was at Lumberton and during the summer of 1865.

Witnesses: Rev. Mr. Scovell, T. N. Bond, and others.

Specification 4th.—In this: That the said James Sinclair has at divers times, and in divers places, contrary to his duties as a Christian man and Minister of the Gospel, exposed himself to ridicule, and the Church to reproach, drunk with liquor—and that he is given to ebriety, or an excessive use of intoxicating liquor; that he is in the habit of getting drunk.

Witnesses: Capt. Norment, Hon. T. D. McDowell, Dr. Dick, John C. Wright, T. N. Bond, John A. Rowland and Neill A. McLean.

Specification 5th.—In this: That the said James Sinclair, contrary to the civil, as well as the Divine Law, did commit "Adultery" with one ——— Hammond (*alias*) Roberts—a free woman of color. This was in the town of Wilmington, at the Shemwell Hôtel, or the Carolina Hotel, kept by Shemwell, and within two years.

Witnesses: Berry Godwin, Andrew J. Jones and R. Steagall.

CHARGE THE SECOND.—FOR FALSEHOOD.

Specification 1st.—In this: That the said James Sinclair did write and cause to be published in the "Presbyterian Banner," a newspaper published at Pittsburgh, Pa., a statement, that during his residence in the South, "he had become a slaveholder from circumstances over which he had no control"—whereas the said James Sinclair did of his own will and motion, buy at public sale (in the town of Lumberton,) where certain slaves were sold to the highest bidder, a family of negroes—did own and work said slaves for his own profit and advantage, and did afterwards sell and dispose of the same, and receive the money therefor.

Witnesses: Dr. Dick, Rev. Neill McKay, Alex. McRae and R. King.

Specification 2d.—In this: That the said James Sinclair did write and cause to be published in the paper aforesaid, a certain other statement, "That in consequence of a sermon preached in the course of his Ministry on family Religion, a number of slave-holders combined to take his life," all of which the said James Sinclair knew to be false and untrue.

Witnesses: Tristram Braddy, Alex. McRae and Col. Alex. McQueen.

Specification 3d.—In this: That the said James Sinclair did write and cause to be published in the paper aforesaid, a certain other statement, "That surrounded on every side with difficulties and enemies, on account of his supposed aversion to slavery, he was forced to take refuge in the army;" whereas it is notorious that he was intensely ambitious of military command and sought by every means and influence to secure the command of a Regiment of troops;—that he was a candidate for, and was elected—not conscribed or drafted,—a Colonel of the 35th North Carolina Troops, and did continue to hold said office and exercise the duties thereof until he was left out in the re-organization of the said Regiment, under act of Confederate Congress of April 1862, giving to the rank and file the right to elect officers worthy to command them.

Witnesses: Col. H. McKethan, Alex. R. Kelly, Rev. James Kelly.

SPECIFICATION 4TH.—In this: That the said James Sinclair did write and cause to be published in the paper aforesaid, a certain other statement: "That he retired with disgust and aversion from the (Confederate) army, after the battle of Newbern"—whereas it is well known, that he continued in the command of his Regiment until it was re-organized under the act of the Confederate Congress above stated, and that he solicited the appointment of Colonel of the 51st Regiment of N. C. Troops.

Witnesses: Col. H. McKethan and the advertisment of said Sinclair in the papers of the day.

SPECIFICATION 5TH.—In this: That the said James Sinclair did write and cause to be published in the paper aforesaid, a certain other statement, viz: "His" (Fayetteville) "Presbytery, like all judicatories or persons, lay or clerical, which have their existence under the shadow of the *great* institution (slavery) wheeled into line with his persecutors and threw every obstacle in the way of his usefulness;" whereas the Presbytery had forborne until it could forbear no longer, to investigate reports made and commonly believed, against the reputation and character of the said Sinclair; and when he was, at last, brought to trial upon charges before his Presbytery and duly convicted on certain specifications, the Presbytery did not, even then, proceed to inflict such punishment upon him as the nature of the proof demanded; but discharged him with a "reprimand," admonishing him to amend his life and walk more orderly and discreetly, as became one holding the high office of a Minister of the Gospel; and for this clemency the Presbytery was censured by the Synod of North Carolina.

Witnesses: Rev. H. McLean, Rev. J. P. McPherson, Rev. Daniel Johnson, the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery and Synod of N. C.

Presbytery appointed Wednesday before the 3d Sabbath in December 1865, at 12 o'clock M., to hold an adjourned meeting in the Presbyterian Church in the town of Lumberton, N. C., for the purpose of adjudicating the case of Rev. James Sinclair.

Your Committee appointed to assign Mr. J. M. McIver Presbyterial pieces, report: Trial Sermon, Romans viii: 1. Lecture, 23d Psalm. Critical Exercise, Hebrews vi: 4—6. Latin Exegesis, "*An sit Jesus Christus divina Persona?*"

This report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. David Fairley was elected a member of the Committee on Domestic Missions, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Rev. James H. McNeill.

The Committee to install Rev. B. F. Marable Pastor of Oak Plane Church, reported that they discharged that duty October 15th, 1864.

The Committee to organize a Church between Warsaw and Clinton, reported that the duty has not been performed, whereupon the Committee was continued.

It appearing, that the Committee appointed to install Rev. J. M. Sprunt Pastor of Union Church (Duplin County,) had not performed that duty, the Committee was continued.

The Minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Mt. Horeb Church, Bladen County, N. C., on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in November next.

Closed with prayer. J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

SECOND ADJOURNED MEETING.

MT. HOREB CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.,
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1865.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

PRESENT—The Moderator, Rev. David Fairley and Ministers Colin Shaw and G. A. Russell, with Ruling-Elders J. H. Ballantine, Brown Marsh, and Dr. Neill Graham, Mt. Horeb.

On motion, Dr. Neill Graham was appointed clerk *pro tem.*

It was Resolved, That Presbytery proceed at once to the particular business for which this meeting is held, viz: to hear the trial sermon of Mr. James Kelly, in reference to ordination. Mr. Kelly preached from Mark, viii: 36, the text previously assigned him.

On motion, his sermon was sustained as a part of his trials. The examination of Mr. Kelly having been completed, it was, on motion, unanimously

Resolved, That his examination and his trials in their several parts, and as a whole, be sustained,

Resolved, That Presbytery do ordain and install Mr. Kelly according to the arrangement previously made, in this Church on to-morrow, (Saturday,) at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Closed with prayer.

NOVEMBER 18, 1865.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Rev. David Fairley preached the ordination sermon; Rev. Colin Shaw presided, proposed the constitutional questions, and also offered the ordaining prayer, during which the Presbytery, by the imposition of hands, did solemnly set apart the candidate to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry. Rev. G. A. Russell then delivered a charge to the newly-ordained Pastor; and Rev. Colin Shaw delivered a charge to the people.

The Minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church in the town of Lumberton, N. C., on Wednesday before the 3d Sabbath in December next, at 12 o'clock M.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

DAVID FAIRLEY, Moderator.

NEILL GRAHAM, *Temporary Clerk.*

THIRD ADJOURNED MEETING.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LUMBERTON, N. C.,
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1865.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted by prayer.

PRESENT—MINISTERS: H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, N. McDonald, D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, D. Fairley and A. N. Ferguson.

RULING-ELDERS—A. C. Leach, Centre; Alex. Kelly, Carthage; Col. N. A. McLean, Lumberton; Alex. McRae, Jr., Smyrna; A. D. Wilkinson, Lebanon; and J. S. McArthur, Ashpole.

MINISTERS ABSENT—R. Tate, S. Colton, D.D., H. McNeill, H. A. Monroe, N. McKay, C. Shaw, G. M. Gibbs, D. B. Black, D. Johnson, A. McMillan, H. McAlister, J. M. Sprunt, S. C. Alexander, J. M. Sherwood, James Sinclair, James McQueen, G. A. Russell, N. T. Bowden, M. McNair, J. H. Colton, S. H. Isler and B. F. Marable.

On motion, the case of Rev. James Sinclair was taken up.

The Stated Clerk stated that the citations had been duly served on the accused and the witnesses.

The Stated Clerk stated that he had received a communication addressed as follows, viz: "Official, from Rev. James Sinclair, Missionary Board of Dom. Miss. of Presbyterian Church in the U. States of America, To Rev. J. P. McPherson and other Ministers of the Gospel present at Lumberton, N. C." which was, on motion, not read, inasmuch as it was not addressed to the Moderator or to the Presbytery.

Rev. E. McNair, of the Presbytery of East Alabama, and Rev. W. C. Sutton, of the Presbytery of Harmony, S. C., being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Presbytery took a recess for one hour.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

Rev. Messrs. M. McNair and James Kelly appeared in Presbytery, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

On motion, it was Resolved, That when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the Presbyterian Church in this place, on the first Wednesday in February 1866, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Commissions were appointed, consisting of J. H. Coble, M. McNair, and D. C. McIntyre, for the upper part of the Presbytery; and James Kelly, S. C. Alexander and W. N. Whitted, for the lower part, to take testimony in the above case.

The Stated Clerk was directed to issue the necessary citations and notifications to the parties.

The Committee appointed to install Rev. Jas. Kelly Pastor of Brown Marsh Church reported, that they discharged that duty the 24th of November last.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences reported, that they had examined Mr. John M. McIver on these branches of knowledge, and recommended that this examination be sustained; which was adopted.

The Minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place on the first Wednesday in February 1866, at 3 o'clock P. M. Closed with prayer.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

FOURTH ADJOURNED MEETING.

Lumberton, N. C., February 7, 1866.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted by prayer.

Present.—Ministers: H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, N. McDonald, J. M. Sherwood, D. Fairley, M. McNair and James Kelly.

Ruling-Elders Present.—Alexander Kelly, Carthage; W. N. Whitted, Beth-Car; Archibald McCallum, Cypress, and Col. N. A. McLean, Lumberton.

Ministers Absent.—R. Tate, S. Colton, D.D., H. McNeill, H. A. Monroe, N. McKay, C. Shaw, G. M. Gibbs, D. B. Black, D. Johnson, A. McMillan, H. McAlister, J. M. Sprunt, S. C. Alexander, D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen, James Sinclair, James McQueen, G. A. Russell, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, J. H. Colton, S. H. Isler, B. F. Marable and A. N. Ferguson.

Mr. W. N. Whitted was appointed Temporary Clerk.

The Stated Clerk reported, that the *second* citation for Rev. James Sinclair was duly written out and signed by him, and placed in the hands of a friend immediately after the adjournment of Presbytery; which citation was delivered to Mrs. Sinclair, the wife of the accused, ten days ago.

Rev. James Sinclair having been twice cited to appear before the body, Presbytery proceeded to hear the reports of the Commissions appointed to take testimony in this case; whereupon Rev. James Kelly, for the Commission in the lower bounds of Presbytery, and Rev. J. H. Coble, through Col. W. McL. McKay, for the Commission in the upper bounds, laid their reports on the table.

On motion, the Presbytery determined to have this testimony read as information, to determine whether it were necessary to continue the Commissions to procure further evidence. The testimony was then read.

Whereupon, on motion, it was unanimously Resolved, That Presbytery now proceed to take up the case of Rev. James Sinclair; when the Moderator delivered the usual solemn charge to the Presbytery.

Before proceeding farther, on motion, Presbytery united in earnest, fervent prayer to God for special guidance in the solemn business now before us.

Presbytery then took a recess until half-past 7 o'clock P. M.

After recess, Presbytery met and took up the unfinished business.

The following preamble and resolutions were introduced, accepted and adopted, viz:

Whereas, the Rev. James Sinclair, a member of this body, stands charged before us with atrocious crimes against society; and having been cited in due form, once and again, to appear and answer to these charges, he has refused to obey the summons: Therefore

Resolved, 1. That in obedience to the requirements of our Book of Discipline, chapter v: section 11, the said James Sinclair be, and he is hereby, suspended from the discharge of all the peculiar functions of a Minister of the Gospel; and that he be warned and admonished to obey this injunction until his case shall be further and fully considered by this Presbytery.

Resolved, 2. That the Stated Clerk be ordered to issue a third citation to the said James Sinclair to appear before this Presbytery at our next regular meeting, to be held at Oak Plane Church, Sampson County, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in April next, at 12 o'clock M., then and there to answer the charges standing against him before us. And that this notification state to him explicitly, that, unless he shall appear, in obedience to this third citation, the extreme penalties of an ecclesiastical court will be visited upon him, as our Book of Discipline, chap. v: sec. 11, directs.

Resolved, 3. That, as a matter of information to our Churches, this preamble and these resolutions be published in the "North Carolina Presbyterian."

On motion, the Commissions previously appointed to take testimony were continued, and directed to take such further testimony as may be deemed necessary either by the counsel for the Presbytery or the accused.

Rev. Mr. Scovell, of the Methodist Church, South, being present, was invited to sit with us as a corresponding member.

The following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted, viz:

Whereas, Rev. Messrs. Robert Tate and Simeon Colton, D.D., now aged, infirm and venerable fathers in our Presbytery, and also Rev. Hector McAlister, by reason of long-continued ill-health, are unable to meet with us: And whereas, it is meet and proper that they should be kindly and tenderly remembered for the services they have rendered to the Church in former years: Therefore

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be appointed to write to them, assuring them that, though necessarily absent from us, they are not forgotten, and tendering to them the lively sympathies of this body.

The following paper was likewise adopted, viz:

Whereas, this is a time of peculiar trial with the Church of God: whereas, the love of many is waxing cold, because iniquity abounds in the land; and whereas, intemperance, lukewarmness, covetousness and other kindred vices are becoming alarmingly prevalent in our country; we, as a Presbytery, regard it as our duty to warn, encourage, comfort and strengthen those under our watch and care: Therefore

Resolved, That Rev. Messrs. J. M. Sherwood and J. M. Sprunt, with Mr. W. N. Whitted, be appointed a Committee to draft a letter on these subjects, addressed to our people, which letter, when approved in open Presbytery, shall be published in the "North Carolina Presbyterian."

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted, viz

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the citizens of Lumberton for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the members of Presbytery at this and the late meeting; and that this resolution be read from the pulpit on the next occasion of preaching in the Church.

The Minutes of this afternoon and evening were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Oak Plane Church, Sampson County, N. C., on Thursday before the second Sabbath in April 1860, at 12 o'clock M. Closed with prayer.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

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MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE,

AT THEIR

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH SESSIONS,

HELD AT

ROCKFISH CHURCH,

DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,

November 14th—18th.

1868.

FAYETTEVILLE:
N. C. PRESBYTERIAN OFFICE.
1869.

MINUTES.

ROCKFISH CHURCH, DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,
NOVEMBER 14, 1868.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. H. L. Singleton, the last Moderator present, from Mark viii: 36, 37: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

After sermon, the sessions were opened with prayer.

PRESENT:

Ministers—H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, N. McKay, C. Shaw, D. B. Black, S. C. Alexander, J. M. Sherwood, M. McQueen, N. T. Bowden, H. L. Singleton, D. Fairley, H. G. Hill, J. H. Colton, A. N. Ferguson, James Kelly and K. M. McIntyre.

Ruling-Elders—John D. McNeill, Galatia; D. McKinnon, Centre; Col. M. McKinnon, Laurinburgh; L. McNeill, Montpelier; J. H. Ballentine, Brown Marsh; James Inness, Black River Chapel; J. W. Boney, Mount Zion; Benjamin F. Saunders, Hopewell; John W. Boney, Rockfish; Dr. Jas. H. Hicks, Union, (Duplin); James Garrison, Keith; John P. Bannerman, Mount Williams; Sion Alford, Ashpole; Alex'r McRae, Jr., Smyrna; W. J. Currie, Sandy Grove; C. Price, Goldsboro'; E. C. Smith, Oak Plane; Hugh Graham, McPherson's, and Aaron M. Colvin, Moore's Creek.

ABSENT:

Ministers—S. Colton, D.D., H. McNeill, H. A. Monroe, A. McMillan, H. McAlister, James M. Sprunt, D. D. McBryde, James McQueen, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, M. McNair, S. H. Isler, B. F. Marable and L. McKinnon.

Churches not Represented—Fayetteville, Lumber Bridge and Bethel, Barbecue, Antioch and Philadelphus, Laurel Hill, Elizabethtown, White Plains, Buffalo, Clinton, First Church, (Wilmington,) Second Church, (Wilmington,) Lebanon, Beth-car, Big Rockfish, China Grove and Cypress, St. Paul's, Bluff, Sardis, Sharon, Mount Carmel, Harmony, Macedonia, Mizpeh, Lumberton, Longstreet, Bethesda, Carthage and Union, (Moore,) Euphronia, Mount Pisgah, Tirza, Ben-Salem, Whiteville, Mineral Spring, Bethlehem, Pee Dee, Mark's Creek, St. Andrew's and Beaver Creek.

MODERATOR AND CLERKS.

Rev. H. G. Hill was chosen Moderator, and Rev. J. H. Colton and John D. McNeill, Temporary Clerks.

Presbytery took recess for twenty-five minutes.

After recess, Presbytery met and resumed business.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Religious Exercises—Rev. Messrs. D. B. Black and C. Shaw, and J. W. Boney.

Narrative to Synod—Rev. Messrs. K. M. McIntyre and S. C. Alexander, and Col. M. McKinnon.

Minutes of General Assembly—Rev. Messrs. Neill McKay and H. McLean, and Daniel McKinnon.

Treasurer pro tem.—Rev. David Fairley.

The reading of the Minutes of the last sessions was dispensed with.

Rev. C. Shaw rendered a satisfactory reason for absence from our last regular sessions.

The following Churches rendered satisfactory reasons for not being represented at our Spring Sessions, viz: Laurinburgh, Montpelier, Brown Marsh, Moore's Creek, Mount Zion, First Church, (Wilmington,) Rockfish and Pike, St. Paul's, Grove and Union, (Duplin,) Keith, Mount Williams, Harmony, Goldsboro', Mount Pisgah, Bethlehem and Pee Dee.

Rev. H. L. Singleton rendered a satisfactory reason for absence from our last regular meeting; and Rev. A. McQueen, through Rev. M. McQueen, for absence from our present sessions.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

A communication from a Committee of the Presbytery of Concord, in reference to Davidson College, was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Education, to which were added temporarily Messrs. N. McKay and C. Shaw.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The Stated Clerk read a report of the Treasurer, Mr. A. McLean, showing the indebtedness of the Churches to the Contingent Fund, and also his semi-annual statement, which were referred to the Committee on Assessment appointed at the last meeting, to which Rev. Neill McKay was added.

Sundry resolutions in reference to the Treasurer were read and referred to the same Committee.

TREASURER OF PRESBYTERY ELECTED.

Under a standing rule, Presbytery proceeded to elect a Treasurer, when Maj. Arch'd McLean was unanimously re-elected to that office.

PASTORAL RELATIONS FORMED.

The several Committees appointed to install the Rev. H. G. Hill Pastor of Fayetteville Church, Rev. K. M. McIntyre Pastor of Mineral Spring, and Rev. D. B. Black Pastor of Pike, reported that they discharged the duties assigned them at the times appointed.

CHURCH ORGANIZED.

The Committee appointed to organize a Church at Fall Creek submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

> Your Committee appointed to organize a Church "at a house of worship known as Fall Creek," beg leave to report, that they discharged that duty on ———, 1868. That they organized a Church which is to be known as Salem, consisting of twenty-one members; that they ordained and installed two Ruling-Elders and two Deacons as office-bearers in said Church. The Committee recommend that Salem Church be enrolled and assessed four dollars for the Contingent Fund.
>
> M. McQUEEN, Chairman.

COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Our Commissioners to the last General Assembly, viz: Rev. Messrs. S. C. Alexander and James H. Colton, and Ruling-Elders Dr. C. T. Murphy and B. Fuller, Esq., reported that they had attended the sessions of that body; which was accepted and their diligence commended.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN B. M'KINNON.

The death of Mr. John B. McKinnon, one of our Licentiates, having been announced, Rev. Messrs. N. T. Bowden and B. F. Marable and Dr. C. T. Murphy were appointed a Committee to prepare a biographical sketch.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

It was made the first order of the day, for Monday morning, to select the place and fix the time for our regular Spring sessions.

The time of the meeting of the daily sessions of Presbytery was fixed for 10 o'clock A. M., and that the first half-hour be spent in religious exercises.

Free Conversation on the State of Religion was made the second order of the day for Monday morning.

Closed with prayer.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY MORNING, NOV. 16, 1868.

Presbytery met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

MINISTERS AND RULING-ELDERS APPEAR.

Rev. Messrs. B. F. Marable and L. McKinnon, and Ruling-Elders J. W. Wright, Clinton, and John C. Smith, Bluff, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

REV. N. Z. GRAVES.

Rev. N. Z. Graves, of Arkansas Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

The order of the day was taken up, when Laurel Hill Church, Richmond County, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in April 1869, at 11 o'clock A. M., as the time. (April 8th, 1869.)

Mr. John D. McNeill, one of the temporary Clerks, was excused from serving on account of indisposition, and Mr. John H. Ballentine was appointed in his place.

FREE CONVERSATION.

Presbytery proceeded to the second order of the day, when reports were heard from the Churches on the State of Religion.

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly submitted their report, which was accepted, and, pending a motion to adopt, the report was re-committed.

COMMITTEE ON SESSIONAL RECORDS.

Rev. Messrs. N. McKay and H. McLean, and Mr. Sion Alford, were appointed a Committee to examine the Sessional Records of Keith Church, and any others that may be placed in their hands.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. James Garrison, A. M. Colvin and C. Price obtained leave of absence after this evening.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

A farther communication from the Committee of Concord Presbytery, in relation to the transfer of Davidson College to the Synods of North and South Carolina and Georgia, was read by the Stated Clerk and referred to the Committee on Education.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING, NOV. 17, 1868.

Presbytery met and spent half an hour in social worship.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

MEMBERS APPEAR.

Rev. Messrs, J. H. Coble, H. A. Monroe and S. H. Isler, with Ruling-Elders Duncan McNair, St. Paul's, and Dugald C. McIntyre, Lumberton, appeared and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

SESSIONAL RECORDS APPROVED.

The Sessional Records of Keith and Hopewell were approved.

CATHARINE LAKE CHURCH ORGANIZED.

The Committee, previously appointed, to organize a Church in Lower Richland District, Onslow County, submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee appointed to organize a Church in Lower Richland District, Onslow County, report: That they met at Union Chapel, Nov. 16th, 1867, and received by examination into the Presbyterian Church three persons; that they ordained and installed Dr. Charles Duffy, Sen., as Ruling-Elder, and Mr. Jacob Giles as Deacon, and completed the organization of a Church to be called The Catharine Lake Church.

The Committee recommend that the Church be entered on the roll of Presbytery, and assessed $2 to pay the contingent expenses of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. ISLER,
L. McKINNON,
J. C. WOOTEN,
Committee.

EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education submitted their report, which was accepted, and, after an interesting discussion, said report was adopted and is as follows, viz:

The Committee on Education, in submitting their report, would state, that since the licensure of Mr. Archibald McFadyen there are only seven candidates for the Ministry under the care of Presbytery.

One of these is pursuing his literary studies in the University of Virginia, two in the Bingham School, and the others are teaching school.

Three of these, since your last meeting, were aided by the General Assembly's Committee, and others in a short time must be recommended for aid.

The collections for the Education Fund, as reported by the Treasurer, from April 8th to the 29th October, 1868, including those during the sessions of last Presbytery, were $124 04, contributed by twenty-two Churches.

Now, if we take this report of the Treasurer, and the statistical reports of the last and preceding meeting of Presbytery, as a true exponent of the interest manifested in this cause by our Churches, we can make no cheering or encouraging report with regard to our pecuniary contributions. For, in the former it is stated that the amount contributed then was $254 90, and that only twenty-nine of our sixty-seven Churches gave anything for this object; and in the latter the amount is $126 10, and the number of Churches contributing twenty-one.—showing clearly that a majority of our Churches, during the period referred to, have done nothing for this cause.

Now your Committee assure the Presbytery that the cause of Education within our bounds is truly urgent and pressing in its claims.

The majority of our present candidates need aid, and we believe if we could give any assurance of even an approximation to an adequate support, the number would be greatly increased. And surely, with our sixty-nine Churches and nearly five thousand communicants, we must not let the burden of sustaining our needy candidates, by largely overdrawing our contributions to the General Assembly's Committee, fall upon other Presbyteries.

This will be the case, if they are aided at all, unless our Churches come to our aid with increased liberality. We then earnestly appeal to all our Pastors, Stated Supplies, and Ruling-Elders and Deacons, to see to it that collections be punctually and regularly taken up for this cause in all our Churches.

HECTOR McLEAN, Chairman.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

The same Committee reported in reference to the transfer of Davidson College, which was accepted and adopted:

In reference to the communications referred to your Committee from Concord Presbytery, respecting the transfer of Davidson College to the united care and control of the Synods of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, we submit for the adoption of Presbytery the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That it is the unanimous opinion of this Presbytery, that the proposed transfer of the College would fail to secure the objects contemplated by the Presbytery of Concord, and complicate and increase the embarrassments that, at present, environ the institution.

JOHN B. M'KINNON.

The Committee on the death of Licentiate John B. McKinnon reported, which was accepted and ordered to be recorded in the Biographical Sketch Book,—a copy to be sent to the family by the Stated Clerk.

SUSTENTATION.

The Standing Committee on Sustentation submitted their report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess Presbytery met.

DIVISION OF PRESBYTERY.

The following resolution was adopted by Ayes thirty-three, Noes four, viz:

Resolved, That it is expedient and desirable that this Presbytery be divided, and that the following Overture on this subject be adopted and forwarded to Synod at its next session.

The Overture, as amended, is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully overtures the Synod of North

Carolina to erect a new Presbytery in the eastern part of what is now Fayetteville Presbytery, with the following boundary, viz:

Beginning on the South Carolina line with the western boundary of Columbus County, and running thence along the western boundary of Bladen and Sampson Counties to the southern boundary of Orange Presbytery, and thence along that line to the ocean; and that the new Presbytery thus erected be called "THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON."

This territory includes the following Ministers and Churches: H. A. Monroe, James Kelly, C. Shaw, S. C. Alexander, D. B. Black, H. L. Singleton, B. F. Marable, James M. Sprunt, Luther McKinnon, and S. H. Isler; with Licentiates N. W. Herring, J. A. Woodburn, and Archibald McFadyen. Churches: Beth-Car, Elizabethtown, Mount Horeb, Brown Marsh, Whiteville, White Plains, South River Chapel, Black River Chapel, Clinton, Springvale, Oak Plane, Union (in Duplin,) Grove, Goldsboro', Beaver Creek, Catharine Lake, Rockfish, Mount Zion, Hopewell, Keith, Moore's Creek, Pike, Mount Williams, 1st Church, Wilmington, 2d Church, Wilmington.

[Ten Ministers, three Licentiates, and twenty-six Churches.]

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted *seriatim*, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly recommend that the Presbytery call the attention of the Churches, specially, to the action of the Assembly in reference to Presbyterian schools. 2. Sabbath-schools. 3. The pastoral relation. 4. The support of laboring Ministers. 5. The observance of the monthly Concert of prayer for Foreign Missions. And 6. The relief of disabled Ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased Ministers,—found in the Minutes, on pages 266, 269, 272, 274, 276, and 280.

1. Minutes, page 266, resolution 2d: "That our people be urged to establish and encourage schools and colleges under Presbyterian influence, and be earnestly advised not to send their children to schools where they are likely to be estranged from their own Church."

2. Page 269, resolution 1st: "That our Presbyteries be enjoined to see that Sabbath-schools in the Churches, and Mission-schools under the care of the Churches, be established in all cases where it is practicable; and also to send up annually special reports of the extent and character of the Sabbath-school work within their bounds."

3. Page 272: "Whereas, the permanent relationship of the pastor to his people is one of the distinctive and most cherished features of the Presbyterian Church: And whereas, the frequent removal to other fields of labor by regularly installed Ministers, without complying with the rules laid down by our Book of Church Government, or obtaining the consent of their respective charges, demands the serious consideration of this body: Therefore, be it

"Resolved by the General Assembly, That the Synods and Presbyteries within its jurisdiction be enjoined to require in future a more rigid adherence to the rules and decrees of the Church regulating the pastoral relationship and the mode of its dissolution."

In reference to the 4th and 6th items to which the attention of Presbytery is invited, your Committee submit the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, 1st. That it is the sense of this Presbytery that $600 should be the minimum salary of every laboring Minister in the Church; and that hereafter the constitution of the pastoral relation will not be encouraged when a less amount is proposed as the basis of the same.

Resolved, 2d. That the Committee of Sustentation be and are hereby urged to use all diligence to bring the Churches up to this standard, and to report to the next Presbytery the ways and means most likely to secure the object in view.

Resolved, 3d. That Presbytery concur in the recommendation of the General Assembly in reference to a collection for the relief of disabled Ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased Ministers, without committing the Presbytery to the policy of raising a permanent fund or making annual collections for the object contemplated.

The attention of Presbytery is also called to the action of the Assembly, found on page 275, in reference to striking out section 4, chapter 10, of our Form of Government.

N. McKAY,
H. McLEAN,
D. McKINNON,
Committee.

Pending the discussion on the third item in the above report, Messrs. J. W. Wright, James Innis and Alexander McRae, Jr. obtained leave of absence; after which Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOV. 18, 1868.

Presbytery met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The unfinished business of yesterday was postponed.

ASSESSMENT.

The Committee appointed to equalize the assessment of the Churches for the Contingent Fund, and to whom the papers in reference to delinquent Churches were referred, report that the sum of $——— is due to the Contingent Fund from the following Churches, viz:

Barbecue,	$15 00	Mark's Creek.	$ 3 00
Bethel,	10 00	Macedonia,	7 00

Bethesda,	$5 90	Mizpeh,	$2 00
Beaver Creek,	5 00	Mineral Spring,	9 75
Brown Marsh,	8 00	Montpelier,	7 50
Carthage,	3 00	Moore's Creek,	4 50
Centre,	18 00	Mt. Carmel,	4 00
Elizabethtown,	4 00	Mt. Horeb,	3 00
Goldsboro',	9 00	Mt. Tabor,	2 00
Grove,	21 00	Mt. Zion,	5 00
Harmony,	5 00	Mt. Williams,	5 00
Hopewell,	10 00	Philadelphus,	4 75
Keith,	6 00	Sandy Grove,	3 30
Laurel Hill,	16 50	Sharon,	10 00
Laurinburgh,	11 00	Union (Duplin),	20 00
Lebanon,	3 00	White Plains,	2 00
Longstreet,	3 00	Whiteville,	2 00
Lumber Bridge,	10 00	Smyrna,	13 75
South River Chapel,	8 00	St. Andrew's,	5 00

Many of these Churches were vacant while this balance was accumulating, and others, by neglect or inability, had run so far behind that your Committee recommend the following Scale of Assessment due from said Churches. [This is given above.] This will still leave due $284 95, which, by prompt attention of the officers of the Church, can be secured without serious inconvenience or delay.

Your Committee recommend the following assessment of the Churches, viz:*

Bethel,	$10 00	Mt. Carmel,	$4 00
Lumber Bridge,	5 00	Harmony,	5 00
St. Paul's,	12 00	Ben-Salem,	8 00
Longstreet,	5 00	Mineral Spring,	8 00
Galatia,	10 00	Cypress,	6 00
Bethesda,	8 00	Antioch,	10 00
Tirza,	10 00	China Grove,	10 00
Sardis,	10 00	Mt. Pisgah,	4 00
Barbecue,	10 00	Smyrna,	12 00
Mizpeh,	2 00	Big Rockfish,	10 00
Centre,	20 00	Bethlehem,	3 00
Laurel Hill,	15 00	Carthage,	12 00
Bluff,	12 00	Lebanon,	3 00
Fayetteville,	30 00	Montpelier,	3 00
Buffalo,	18 00	Lumberton,	5 00
Union (Moore),	18 00	Sandy Grove,	5 00
Euphronia,	10 00	Pee Dee,	8 00
Ashpole,	18 00	Laurinburgh,	6 00
Philadelphus,	6 00	St. Andrew's,	5 00
Sharon,	5 00	McPherson's,	6 00
Macedonia,	5 00	Salem,	3 00

Your Committee further suggest, that Presbytery instruct the Stated Clerk to furnish the "North Carolina Presbyterian" with a list of delinquent Churches, with scale, and that the Editor be requested to continue the publication of said delinquencies until the claims for the Contingent Fund will have been liquidated.

Also, that the present assessment of the Churches be published in the "North Carolina Presbyterian" for at least four weeks immediately preceding the Spring sessions of Presbytery.

J. M. SHERWOOD,
J. P. McPHERSON,
N. McKAY,
Committee.

*NOTE.—This assessment does not include the Churches now under the care of the Presbytery of Wilmington. This Presbytery will fix and publish its own assessment.

The following preamble and resolutions were also presented by the above Committee and adopted, viz:

Whereas, at the Spring Sessions of this Presbytery, held at Union Church, Moore County, N. C., April 1868, a paper was adopted placing this body in full connection with all the Executive Committees of our General Assembly: And whereas, there seems to have been some misunderstanding among the members as to the effect of a certain amendment proposed to the second resolution, which amendment was finally adopted: Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That the Treasurer of Presbytery be and he hereby is ordered to forward, without delay, all funds that may be in his hands for any of the Committees of the General Assembly.

2d. That he transmit hereafter, on the 1st day of each quarter of the *civil* year, to the Treasurers of the General Assembly's Committees, the funds in the Treasury for each of the general objects of benevolence, and that he be requested to publish quarterly, in the "North Carolina Presbyterian," an acknowledgment of all the funds that may have come into his hands for the objects designated, giving the name of the Church, the amount contributed, and the object for which it was given.

The Stated Clerk presented the account for printing, binding and mailing the Minutes of our last Spring Sessions, amounting to $50 38, which was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer.

The Stated Clerk likewise presented an account for stationery, amounting to $6 50, which the Treasurer was ordered to pay.

CALL.

The Goldsboro' Church presented a call for the pastoral services of Rev. Luther McKinnon, which being in order, was placed in his hands.

Mr. McKinnon requested permission to retain said call in his hands until our Spring Sessions, which was granted.

CALLS RETURNED.

Rev. A. McQueen returned to Presbytery the calls placed in his hands from Ashpole and Smyrna Churches, which were ordered to be sent to said Churches.

At his own request Mr. McQueen was permitted to supply these Churches during the ensuing year.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF REV. ROBERT TATE.

The Committee previously appointed to prepare a biographical sketch of the life and labors of Rev. Robert Tate, was discharged, and a new Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. C. Shaw, D. B. Black and S. C. Alexander, were appointed and directed to report as early as possible.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF REV. DANIEL JOHNSON.

The Committee appointed last Spring to bring in a suitable biographical sketch of the life and labors of Rev. Daniel Johnson presented their report, which was accepted and ordered to be copied into the Biographical Sketch Book; and the resolutions appended to said report were adopted and are as follows, viz:

Resolved, 1st. That as a Presbytery we recognize the goodness and grace of God that gave us, and continued with us so long, a brother in whose character all the christian graces shone so brightly; and that we bow with humble submission to the dispensation of His Providence that has removed him from us in the prime of his usefulness.

Resolved, 2d. That we are admonished of the shortness and uncertainty of life, and of the great importance of doing with our might what our hands find to do, while it is called to-day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

J. H. COBLE,
H. McLEAN,
M. McNAIR,
Committee.

FUND FOR THE EVANGELIST.

In the event that the new Presbytery of Wilmington should be set off by the Synod of North Carolina, the Treasurer of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, Maj. A. McLean, was directed to pay over to the Treasurer of the former Presbytery any funds that may be in his hands for the Evangelist.

STANDING RULES.

The Committee appointed to revise the Standing Rules of Presbytery made their report, which was accepted, and, after some discussion, was re-committed to the same Committee, to which was added Rev. James H. Colton.

SUSTENTATION.

The report of the Committee on Sustentation was taken up and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix. [See Appendix A.]

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Agent for Foreign Missions, Rev. M. McQueen, presented a report on that subject, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix. [See Appendix B.]

PUBLICATION.

The Agent for Publication, Rev. D. Fairley, presented his report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix. [See Appendix C.]

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence submitted their report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix. [See Appendix D.]

MINUTES TO BE PUBLISHED.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to have printed in pamphlet form 500 copies of our present Minutes; and also to publish an abstract of the same in the "North Carolina Presbyterian."

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The report of the Treasurer, and also of the Treasurer *pro tem.*, were read and ordered to be printed in the Appendix. The Treasurer *pro tem.*, Rev. D. Fairley, was directed to pay over the funds in his hands to the Treasurer of Presbytery, Maj. Archibald McLean. [See Appendix E and F.]

NARRATIVE.

The Committee on the Narrative to Synod made their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville present to the Synod of North Carolina the following report of the State of Religion within their bounds:

I. The work of Divine Grace in the conversion of sinners is shown by the following facts:

1st. One Church (Ashpole) reports an extraordinary work of grace, resulting in the addition of 122 persons during a period of eleven days—the whole number of additions during the year being 135.

2d. Three Churches (Union in Moore, Smyrna and Goldsboro',) report an aggregate addition of 109 persons—making an average of about 36 additions to each of three Churches.

3d. Four Churches report an aggregate addition of 39 persons, making an average of about 9 additions to each of four Churches.

4th. Six Churches report an aggregate addition of 15 persons, making an average of about 2 additions to each of six Churches.

5th. Some few Churches report no additions at all.

These facts show that God is encouragingly blessing His appointed means of grace to the bringing of sinners to the obedience of faith.

II. The state of religion among professed Christians appears in the following facts:

1st. Most of the Churches report contributions to the different benevolent objects of the Church; and *some* report liberal contributions.

2d. Some of the Churches report flourishing Sabbath-schools, and most of them report that Sabbath-schools and Prayer-meetings have been kept up.

3d. Nearly all the Churches report that the attendance upon the Sabbath ministrations is good, and that the attention and interest manifested are encouraging.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, unanimously, That the hearty thanks of this Presbytery are due and are hereby tendered to the congregation of Rockfish, Duplin County, N. C., and other friends, for their kind and generous hospitality to the members of Presbytery during our present Sessions; and also to the officers of the Steamboat lines on Cape Fear River, the Wilmingon, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad, the Wilmington and Weldon, and also Atlantic Railroad, for passing us at half fare; and that this resolution be read from the pulpit by the Pastor of this Church, and that it be published in the "Wilmington Journal" and "North Carolina Presbyterian."

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Wilmington, N. C., during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

First Presbyterian Church,
Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 29, 1868.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer.

Present as on yesterday.

Rev. Messrs. M. McNair, D. D. McBryde and A. McMillan rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from our sessions at Rockfish Church.

The Stated Clerk read the statistical report to Synod, which was approved and ordered to be transmitted to Synod. It is as follows:

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that, at present, they consist of 30 ministers, and have under their care 69 churches, 3 licentiates and 7 candidates; that on the 18th day of December 1867, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. M. Sherwood and the church in Fayetteville, and declared said church vacant; that on the 7th day of March 1868, they lost by death Rev. Daniel Johnson; that on the 11th day of April 1868, they licensed Mr. Archibald McFadyen to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry; that on the 12th day of the same month they ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry Mr. Kenneth M. McIntyre; that on the 6th day of May 1868, they received by letter Rev. H. G. Hill from the Presbytery of Orange; that on the 16th day of April 1868, they lost by death Mr. John B. McKinnon, one of our licentiates; that on the 16th day of November 1867, they organized the church of Catharine Lake, in Lower Richlands District, Onslow County, N. C.; that on the —— 1868, they organized the Salem church; that on the —— 1868, they installed Rev. D. B. Black pastor of Pike church; that on the 9th day of May 1868, they installed Rev. K. M. McIntyre pastor of Mineral Spring church; that on the 11th day of July 1868, they installed Rev. H. G. Hill pastor of the church in Fayetteville; and that on the 19th day of November 1868, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. M. McNair and Mount Tabor church, and declared said church vacant.

Respectfully submitted. J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.
Nov. 19, 1868.

PASTORAL RELATION DISSOLVED.

Rev. M. McNair requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and Mt. Tabor church; and said church concurring with him, by letter, in this request, it was granted; and Rev. M. McNair was appointed to preach there and declare said church vacant.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 21, 1868.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer.

The 5th resolution of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was taken up and adopted. (See previous Minutes.)

The Minutes of the 18th and 19th instant were read and approved.

Presbytery then took a recess to meet immediately after the morning session of Synod.

After recess, Presbytery met.

Rev. A. W. Miller, D.D., being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery heard Dr. Miller in reference to the transfer of Davidson College to Synodical control; whereupon the following resolution was adopted, viz:

> The Presbytery of Fayetteville having heard the statements of Rev. A. W. Miller, D.D., looking to a union of the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina in support of Davidson College, do Resolve, That notwithstanding the adverse action of this Presbytery on this subiect at a previous session, and the impossibility of reconsidering the matter at this late hour, do express the opinion that, upon receiving further information, we regard the scheme with favor, and when called upon so to do, will take such measures as prudence may dictate.

Presbytery took recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

After recess, Presbytery met.

Mr. Alexander Kelly was re-elected a Trustee of Davidson College for the term of four years.

The Stated Clerk of this Presbytery was directed to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Wilmington, which has been organized by the Synod of North Carolina, all items of business on our Minutes devolving upon members of that Presbytery.

The Minutes of to-day were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Laurel Hill Church, Richmond County, N. C., on Thursday before the second Sabbath in April, 1869, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

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APPENDIX.

A.—REPORT OF SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE.

At the time of our last semi-annual report, the matter of an Evangelist, to labor in the eastern part of the Presbytery, was undetermined. The Rev. Colin Shaw had been elected by the Committee, but had declined. The Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D., then received the appointment, but, at the time our report was made, had neither accepted nor declined.

The Chairman having received a letter from Dr. Chapman declining the appointment, the Committee was called together early in June to determine what course to pursue. At this meeting it was unanimously agreed that the whole matter be referred back to the Presbytery, and that this Committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of it. This action resulted, 1st. From the conviction on the part of the Committee that, in a matter of the magnitude of this, it is much the better plan for the Presbytery to assume direct and immediate control. 2d. From the impression made upon the members of the Committee by the discussion of the general question involved at the meeting of the Presbytery at Union. And 3d. From the fact, ascertained from the Treasurer of Presbytery, that only about *one-third* of the amount assessed upon the Churches for paying the salary of the Evangelist had been paid into the hands of that officer.

In regard to this last consideration, the Committee felt it their duty to deal with the fact as it existed, so as to avoid involving the Presbytery in unpleasant consequences, leaving your reverend body to determine what course to pursue towards the Churches that had failed to obey the injunction of Presbytery.

At a meeting of the Committee on the 6th of May, a resolution was adopted to recommend White Plains Church to the Assembly's Committee of Sustentation, for aid in support of their Minister during this year, in the sum of one hundred dollars.

A resolution was also adopted to recommend the Rev. S. H. Isler to the same Committee, for continued labor as a missionary where he had been preaching previously, and that he receive two hundred dollars for this missionary service for the year.

At the meeting of the Committee in June, it was resolved to recommend Beaver Creek Church to the same Committee for aid in support of their Minister, to the amount of seventy-five dollars.

Soon after the Committee met in June, facts came to the knowledge of the Chairman, that led him to make application to the same Committee in behalf of Mr. Alexander Kirkland, engaged a part of his time in missionary labor, to the amount of one hundred dollars.

These requests have all been granted by the Assembly's Committee, making an aggregate of four hundred and seventy-five dollars ($475) received from that source for the year. An appropriation of one hundred dollars for the Goldsboro' church, to commence with August 1867, had been made previously to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

In the report of your Treasurer to the last stated meeting of Presbytery, he gives a balance in the treasury to the credit of Sustentation of $278 71, and of Domestic Missions of $3 14.

The Chairman of your Committee has obtained from him a list of the churches contributing to this cause since the last meeting of Presbytery. The number of churches is 26, and the amount contributed $190 76. This makes the whole amount of funds for this object four hundred and seventy-two dollars and sixty-one cents, ($472 61.) Of this amount $100 has been paid to the Goldsboro' church, to meet the appropriation made for that church before the last meeting of Presbytery. The remainder, $372 61, is still in the hands of the Treasurer, but will be forwarded in a few days, as the Chairman of your Committee is assured, to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Committee at Columbia.

The facts stated above should be carefully considered by the members of the Presbytery, as well as by our people. We have received from the Assembly's Committee at least *one hundred dollars* more than we have any means of returning. This is by no means creditable to us, and must not be our policy in the future. We ought to give more to the Assembly's Committee than we receive. We are a *strong* Presbytery compared with many of the Presbyteries of our beloved Church, and must do something to aid these feeble brethren in sustaining this work in their bounds.

Your Committee are of opinion that we should carefully avoid *asking* for more than we *give* to the general funds of the Church; and our people should be urged not to be satisfied unless they are aiding in extending Presbyterianism in the destitute and waste places beyond our own borders.

On page 12 of the printed Minutes of Synod of North Carolina, at its last meeting, a series of resolutions appears making it the duty of the Chairman of the Sustentation Committee in each Presbytery to "make himself particularly acquainted" with what the churches are doing for the various objects of benevolence, and also for the support of their own pastor or stated supply; and when delinquent in these matters, to urge them to duty, and as a last resort, if they persist, to report them to Presbytery.

And on page 14 there is a resolution making it his duty to recommend to the Presbytery such measures "as may be deemed advisable for the combination and consolidation of feeble and vacant churches, so as to constitute suitable and permanent pastoral charges."

In regard to the duties imposed in these resolutions, the Chairman of your Committee has, as yet, done but little. He proposes, however, by the Spring meeting of Presbytery, to be able to report fully of these various matters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. SHERWOOD, Chairman.

B.—REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The progress which the cause of Foreign Missions is making in our beloved Zion is not only encouraging, but it should call forth our deepest gratitude to the Great Head of the Church.

Not only have missionaries sailed to strengthen our feeble station in China, but others will soon depart to establish a mission in other parts of the heathen world. And when the Macedonian cry "Come over and help us," was raised by our missionaries among the Indians, and no response was made, God called forth those from among the native converts who will preach His Gospel. And although our Presbytery has fallen far short of its duty in contributing to this great cause, still it shows an increase, both in the amount contributed, and in the number of contributing churches. In 1867, out of 67 churches only 24 were reported as contributing to this cause; while in 1868, 30 churches have reported contributions.

In 1867, the aggregate amount contributed by our Presbytery was $238 21, while in 1868 it was $513 20; showing an increase of $377 31,—more than doubling last year's contributions. While this increase in contributions and in contributing churches is encouraging, still it is a painful fact, that our aggregate contributions are not a fourth what they should be, and more than half our churches report no contributions to this cause which lay no near our Saviour's heart. Respectfully submitted.

M. McQUEEN, Agent.

C.—REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

There are 69 churches under the jurisdiction of this Presbytery, and, as far as I have been able to ascertain, eighteen of that number have libraries, and many of these are small. They are composed mainly of the publications of the Presbyterian Board, and American Tract Society. Only four are supplied, either entirely or in part, with the publications of our Committee.

There remain fifty-one churches in our bounds (nearly two-thirds) without libraries—destitute of this excellent means of disseminating truth among all classes, and especially the poor, who constitute a large element in almost every congregation.

The New Hymn Book has been introduced into only five of our churches.

In our bounds, as far as I could ascertain, there are sixty-nine Sabbath-schools, conducted for the most part by laymen, with 1858 scholars.

There are taken 265 copies of the "Children's Friend," and 200 copies "Sabbath-school Visitor." During the past six months $200 31 have been collected for Publication; the total amount for the year $544 28.

Of the books deposited in the Presbytery the amount of $38 05 gross has been sold; also private orders to the amount of $12. The following donation of books was made through me to the Sabbath-school in Oak Plane church: 25 Songs of Praise and 200 Catechisms; in all amounting to $12 75.

I have endeavored to procure the services of a Colporteur, but have signally failed. And I do now earnestly recommend to your attention the importance of such an agency to introduce the books of the Committee among our people.

The religious press stands next to the pulpit in importance and efficiency. The ministry is the leading instrumentality in the conversion of the world. Next to that is the circulation of God's word and religious publications. The Pulpit and the Press are co-workers, distinct yet inseparable. They must and ever will go hand in hand in perpetuating civil and religious liberty. Religious books have a commission which nothing else can so easily effect. There are highways and hedges and destitute regions which nothing else can effectually supply. And nothing else is so well calculated to counteract the strong and ceaseless torrent of corruption which the irreligious press is now pouring out with a view of subverting the principles and habits of men.

We cannot, therefore, dispense with the religious literature issued by our Committee without injury to the cause of our Divine Redeemer. Their publications compare favorably in execution and cheapness with any other publishing house in the United States, while they are admirably adapted to the exigencies of the times—sound and evangelical.

These books should be widely and generally circulated, yea, carried to every man's door. And no agency is so well adapted to this end as colportage. Our experience is, that depositories will not answer, and that voluntary service on the part of church sessions will not effect our object. What we want is a pious, energetic and efficient colporteur to visit all our congregations, and to carry the books and tracts from house to house, telling the people of their value and pressing them to receive them.

Respectfully submitted.

DAVID FAIRLEY, Corresponding Member
of the Committee of Publication.

D.—REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence respectfully report that, according to the report sent to the General Assembly last Spring,

35	churches contributed to Sustentation,	$617 47
18	" " " Foreign Missions,	203 92
21	" " " Education,	126 10
21	" " " Publication,	129 83

And from April 8th to Nov. 11th, 1868, the Treasurer reports,

27	churches contributed to Sustentation,	$244 40
31	" " " Foreign Missions,	296 31
23	" " " Education,	137 53

22 churches contributed to Publication,	$136 46
12 " " " Disabled Ministers, &c.,	68 11

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. McPHERSON, Chairman.

Rockfish Church, N. C., Nov. 18, 1868.

F.—REPORT OF TREASURER *pro tem.*

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Sustentation.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Contingent Fund.	Disabled Ministers.	Total.
Laurel Hill..............	$ 2 95	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$	$	$ 5 95
Brown Marsh............	5 00	6 00	6 00	2 50	......	2 65	22 15
Mount Horeb............	2 50	5 00	10 00	2 50	......	2 50	22 50
South River Chapel.......	3 90	2 20	2 53	3 90	......	2 45	14 98
Black River Chapel.......	......	......	......	......	......	17 00	17 00
White Plains............	5 00	......	......	......	......	......	5 00
Mount Zion.............	5 00	......	......	......	......	......	5 00
Hopewell...............	......	......	......	......	......	2 55	2 55
Pike..................	4 28	......	1 50	......	......	......	5 78
Beth-Car...............	......	......	6 00	......	4 00	......	10 00
Keith..................	......	......	......	......	......	5 50	5 50
Sharon.................	......	6 00	......	......	......	......	6 00
Carthage...............	6 00	8 00	4 00	......	......	......	18 00
Union (in Moore)........	......	......	......	6 20	......	......	6 20
Mineral Spring..........	2 10	2 10	3 00	......	3 25	1 85	12 30
Pee Dee................	4 00	......	......	1 00	......	......	5 00
Oak Plane..............	......	......	6 00	6 00	......	2 00	14 00
Beaver Creek...........	1 35	2 00	1 60	......	......	......	4 95
Catharine Lake.........	6 35	......	......	......	......	......	6 35
Moore's Creek..........	......	......	......	......	......	5 00	5 00
	$48 43	$32 30	$41 63	$23 10	$ 7 25	$41 50	$ 194 21

DAVID FAIRLEY, Treas'r *pro tem.*

E.—Receipts of A. McLean, Treasurer, from 8th April 1868, to 11th November, 1868.

CHURCHES.	Contingent Fund.	Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	Superannuated Ministers	Publication	Education.	Sustentation	Evangelist.	Total.
Antioch,	$ 6 00		$ 5 10	$ 6 55	$ 3 80	$ 5 50	$ 5 20		$ 32 15
Ashpole,	12 00		10 32		10 32	10 32	10 34		53 30
Barbecue,									
Bethlehem									
Bethel,	6 00		8 40		1 78				16 18
Beaver Creek.									
Beth Car,									
Bethesda,			5 65	3 70	2 90				11 25
Ben-salem,	7 00		13 10	4 00	3 00	8 50	5 00	$ 11 00	51 60
Black River	15 00		15 00		5 00	5 00	5 00	32 00	77 00
Bluff,					8 12		8 13		16 25
Big Rockfish,			7 60		19 50				27 10
Brown Marsh,								17 00	17 00
Buffalo (including Fall Creek)			58 50						58 50
Carthage,								14 00	14 00
Centre,			5 10		7 15	7 18	4 70	40 00	64 13
China Grove,		$ 9 06	9 06		9 06	9 06	9 06		45 30
Clinton,						5 00	5 00		10 00
Cypress,									
Elizabethtown,									
Ellerbe Springs,						85			85
Euphronia,	6 00			7 05		10 00	7 10		30 15
Fayetteville,		19 58	19 58	22 56	19 58	19 58	19 59		120 47
Galatia,	18 17						3 70		21 87
Goldsboro',	4 00					4 00	6 00		14 00
Grove,									
Harmony,									
Hopewell,			8 50		1 00	1 00	75		11 25
Keith,			4 66						4 66
Laurel Hill,			75		1 25	1 00	8 95		14 95
Laurinburgh,									
Lebanon,									
Lillington									
Longstreet,			5 20		5 20	5 20	22 63		38 23
Lumber Bridge,					8 80	1 50		10 00	23 30
Lumberton,	6 60								6 60
McPherson's,	5 00								5 00
Mark's Creek,							50		50
Macedonia,									
Mizpeh,									
Mineral Springs									
Montpelier,	6 50								6 50
Moore's Creek,			10 00					12 00	22 00
Mount Carmel,									
Mount Pisgah			12 00		4 00				16 00
Mount Horeb,									
Mount Tabor,	5 00								5 00
Mount Zion,			5 00				6 00		11 00
Mount Williams,			7 84						7 84
Oak Plane,			3 00				6 00		9 00
Pee Dee,	10 00		3 00	9 00	5 00			1 00	31 00
Pike,			6 00					12 00	18 00
Philadelphus,	4 00		3 55	1 40	55	1 20	1 55		12 25
Rockfish (Duplin,)									
Salem,			11 60						11 60
Sardis,			15 00		10 00				25 00
Sandy Grove,	3 05		2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		13 05
Sharon,				2 50					2 50
Smyrna,	19 50		1 00		1 00	1 70	1 00		24 20
St. Paul's,			10 75	8 60		6 76	11 27		37 38
St. Andrew's,			11 65	1 75		2 10	2 80		18 30
South River,									
Spring Vale,	3 00					3 00	3 00		9 00
Tirza,			3 90			6 73			10 63
Union (in Duplin,)									
Union (in Moore,)	12 00		13 50		1 45	17 35	6 85	26 95	78 10
Wilmington First Church,									
Wilmington Second Church,									
White Plains,	3 00							2 10	5 10
Whiteville,									
	$151 82	$28 64	$206 31	$ 68 11	$136 46	$137 53	$162 12	$181 05	$1162 04

Statement of Accounts of the several Funds, November 11, 1868.

	Conting't Fund.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Superannuated Ministers	Publication	Education.	Sustentation	Evangelist	Total.
Balance reported 8th Ap'l 1868							$278 71		
Add Ch. Ext.,							3 00		
Contingent Fund overdrawn, $318 48.		$ 3 14	$474 14	$ 14 46	$ 37 85	$ 85	281 71	$170 40	$982 85
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Respectfully submitted.

ARCH D McLEAN, Treas'r Presbytery of Fayetteville.

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MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE,

AT THEIR

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH SESSIONS,

HELD AT

LAUREL HILL CHURCH,

RICHMOND COUNTY, N. C.,

April 8th—10th,

1869.

FAYETTEVILLE:
N. C. PRESBYTERIAN OFFICE.
1869.

MINUTES.

LAUREL HILL CHURCH, RICHMOND CO., N. C.,
April 8th, 1869.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. H. G. Hill, the Moderator, from Romans xii: 1: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

After sermon, the Moderator took the Chair and opened the sessions with prayer.

PRESENT:

Ministers—H. McLean, H. McNeill, J. P. McPherson, A. McMillan, J. M. Sherwood, D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, H. G. Hill, D. Fairley, M. McNair and James H. Colton.

Ruling-Elders—J. C. Campbell, Antioch; W. A. McLean, Ashpole; William McDiarmid, Bethel; J. B. Graham, Bethesda; A. McDonald, Ben-Salem; Dr. D. Sinclair, Big Rockfish; R. M. Cole, Buffalo; Alex. Kelly, Carthage; D. McKinnon, Centre; W. C. Campbell, Euphronia; Milton Rose, Fayetteville; Angus Blue, Laurinburgh; Milton McIntosh, Laurel Hill; A. D. Wilkinson, Lebanon; D. C. Currie, McPherson's; Alex. McCaskill, Macedonia; Peter Monroe, Sandy Grove; P. C. Shaw, Sharon, and Archibald McRae, Smyrna.

ABSENT:

Ministers—Simeon Colton, D.D., N. McKay, Hector McAlister, James McQueen, N. T. Bowden, A. N. Ferguson and K. M. McIntyre.

Churches not Represented—Barbecue, Bethlehem, China Grove and Cypress, Galatia, Longstreet, Lumberton, Mark's Creek, Mizpeh, Mineral Spring, Montpelier, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Tabor, Pee Dee, Salem, Sardis, St. Paul's, St. Andrew's and Tirza.

MODERATOR AND CLERKS.

Rev. H. McLean was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. M. McNair and J. H. Colton Temporary Clerks.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

ABSENTEES EXCUSED.

Rev. H. McNeill rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from our last stated sessions, and Rev. A. McQueen from our last Spring sessions.

The following Churches reported that Delegates had been appointed to attend our last Fall sessions, viz: Fayetteville, Bethel, Antioch and Philadelphus, Big Rockfish, China Grove and Cypress, Sharon, Macedonia, Carthage and Union, Euphronia, Bethesda, Ben-Salem, Pee Dee, Mark's Creek, Mt. Carmel and Mt. Tabor.

The following Churches sent up no excuses, viz: Barbecue, Buffalo, Harmony, Mizpeh, Longstreet, Mt. Pisgah, Tirza, Mineral Spring, Bethlehem and St. Andrew's.

Presbytery took a recess for one half-hour.

After recess, Presbytery met, when the Moderator announced the following Committees, viz:

Religious Exercises.—A. McMillan, J. H. Coble and M. McIntosh.

Narrative to General Assembly—J. H. Coble, A. McQueen and J. B. Graham.

Minutes of Synod—H. G. Hill, H. McNeill and Dr. D. Sinclair.

Treasurer pro tem.—Rev. D. Fairley.

SESSIONAL RECORDS.

ANTIOCH, ASHPOLE, BARBECUE AND BETHLEHEM.—H. McNeill and William McDiarmid.

BETHEL, BETHESDA, BEN-SALEM AND BLUFF.—A. McMillan and W. A. McLean.

BIG ROCKFISH, BUFFALO, CARTHAGE AND CENTRE.—D. D. McBryde and J. C. Campbell.

CYPRESS, EUPHRONIA, FAYETTEVILLE AND GALATIA.—M. McQueen and R. M. Cole.

HARMONY, LAUREL HILL, LUMBER BRIDGE AND LEBANON.—A. McQueen and Alex. Kelly.

LAURINBURGH, LONGSTREET, LUMBERTON AND McPHERSON'S.—H. G. Hill and W. C. Campbell.

MARK'S CREEK, MACEDONIA, MIZPEH AND MINERAL SPRING.—M. McNair and Milton Rose.

MONTPELIER, MT. CARMEL, MT. PISGAH AND MT. TABOR.—D. Fairley and A. Blue.

PEE DEE, PHILADELPHUS, SALEM AND SARDIS.—J. H. Colton and A. D. Wilkinson.

SANDY GROVE, SHARON, SMYRNA, ST. PAUL'S, ST. ANDREW'S, TIRZA AND UNION.—J. H. Coble and D. C. Currie.

Rev. John Monroe, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Ira T. Wyche, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The death of our venerable father, Rev. Simeon Colton, D.D., was announced, whereupon the following committee was appointed to prepare a sketch of his life: Rev. Messrs. Neill McKay and J. M. Sherwood, and B. Fuller, Esq.

A letter was read from Rev. H. McAlister, assigning the state of his health as his reason for absence; which was sustained, and the Stated Clerk directed to express to Bro. McAlister the sympathy of this body in his long-continued affliction.

A communication from Rev. A. W. Miller, D.D., inclosing an extract from the minutes of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, requesting this Presbytery to rescind Section 2d, Article 1st, of the Constitution, which is as follows: "None shall be eligible to the office of Trustee but such as are members in full communion in the Presbyterian Church;" which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen and J. P. McPherson, and Alex. Kelly and Dr. D. Sinclair.

The Stated Clerk presented the account for printing the Minutes of our Fall Sessions, our proportion of which is $56 32, and it was ordered to be paid.

To select the place and fix the time for our next meeting was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning, and Free Conversation the first order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

The following Ruling-Elders appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, viz: Malcom McInnis, Galatia, and D. C. McIntyre, Lumberton.

Rev. Ira T. Wyche, Agent of the American Bible Society for North Carolina, was invited to address the Presbytery upon that subject; after which the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Presbytery have heard Rev. Ira T. Wyche, Agent of the A. B. Society, with pleasure; do hereby recommend the American Bible Society to all our churches and people, and do urge them to use every effort to place a Bible in every family within their bounds.

Presbytery proceeded to appoint Commissioners to the General Assembly, when Rev. David Fairley and Wm. B. Wright, Esq., Ruling-Elder of Fayetteville Church, were chosen as principals, and Rev. Malcom McNair and Daniel McKinnon, Ruling-Elder of Centre Church, as alternates.

Rev. M. McQueen, Agent for Foreign Missions, submitted his report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This year has been one of marked progress in extending the Redeemer's kingdom over the nations of the earth. Long-standing barriers to the Gospel are giving way to its superior light, as it is reflected by civilization, and the number of missionaries has been greatly increased.

This is especially true in regard to our beloved Zion. Only one year ago we could report but eight ordained ministers fully engaged in the work. This year we can report sixteen ordained ministers and many missionary assistants.

And though one venerable missionary has been called to his last reward, still we have nearly double the number we had a year ago. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

It was estimated at our last Assembly that $25,000 would be required to supply the wants of all our missionaries during the current year. But as the day appointed by the Assembly for taking up collections in all our churches for this object has not arrived, the result is unknown. But it is earnestly hoped that a liberal and united effort, on the part of our 80,000 communicants, will raise the amount, and that our missionary operaations will not be embarrassed for want of means. As the first Sabbath in May was appointed by the Assembly as the day for taking up collections for this object, there has been no general collection made since our last report. Out of the forty-four churches now under the care of our Presbytery twenty-six report an aggregate of $253 68 for last year, leaving eighteen churches, nearly half, which report no contributions to this cause. Surely "these things ought not so to be."

But we can only urge upon all who are stewards in God's house, again and again to see to it that this sad record will not be to write against any of the churches within our bounds a year hence; but that all will come up with full reports of liberal contributions from all our churches.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) M. McQUEEN, Agent.

The committee on Education submitted their report, which was accepted and placed on the docket.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place at half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, April 9, 1869.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following Ministers and Ruling-Elders appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, viz: Rev. Messrs. Neill McKay and N. C. Bowden, and J. M. N. Clark, Mt. Carmel; Murdoch McCaskill, Mineral Spring, and Dr. J. W. McKay, Salem.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Neill McKay, Dr. D. Sinclair and D. C. McIntyre, Esq.

The first order of the day, viz: to select the place and fix the time for the next meeting of Presbytery, was taken up, when Sharon Church, Montgomery County, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Thursday before the last Sabbath in September 1869, at 12 M., as the time.

Rev. N. McKay was added to the committee on the papers relating to Davidson College.

The following Sessional Records were approved, viz: Union, Ashpole, Philadelphus, Antioch, Bethlehem, Laurinburgh, Sharon, Bethesda, China Grove, Centre, Buffalo, Big Rockfish and Euphronia.

The following were approved with exceptions, viz: Smyrna, Sandy Grove, Lumberton, Lumber Bridge, Lebanon and Bethel.

Smyrna Church obtained permission to secure the services of Rev. H. M. Brearly, of Harmony Presbytery, until more definite arrangements can be made.

Rev. K. M. McIntyre, and Laughlin McNeill, Montpelier Church, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The committee appointed to examine the Sessional Records of Galatia Church reported that said records had not been placed in their hands, when satisfactory reasons were assigned for their not being present.

The Records of Cypress Church were approved.

The committee to whom had been referred the report of the Treasurer, Mr. A. McLean, submitted their report, which was accepted and the first item adopted, viz:

The committee to whom were referred the papers purporting to be "The Treasurer's Report" find said papers to be merely "rough sheets," designed to give information on the various benevolent enterprises of the church, and especially in reference to the indebtedness of the churches to the Contingent Fund of Presbytery.

These statements are not endorsed by the auditing committee of the Presbytery; are not in proper shape to come before this body, and are not regarded by your committee as data upon which authentic reports to the higher judicatories can be based.

They respectfully recommend that the papers in question be returned to the Treasurer, and that he be requested to make out a full report to the next meeting of Presbytery.

The second item in said report, in relation to the delinquent churches, was placed on the docket.

The committee on the Minutes of Synod made their report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last Synod would call the attention of Presbytery to the following items, and would recommend that our Pastors and Stated Supplies read to their congregations, at an early day, if they have not already done so, the portions of the Synod's records herein specified:

1st. Resolutions respecting Publication and Sabbath-Schools, on page 15.

2d. Resolutions appended to the report of the Synodical Agent on Sustentation. Pages 15 and 16.

3d. Resolutions appended to the report on Foreign Missions. Page 16.

4th. First resolution respecting education of young men for the Ministry; on page 12.

5th. Report of Synodical committee on Minutes of the General Assembly Pages 18 and 19.

H. G. HILL, Chairman.

Presbytery took a recess for one hour and a half.

After recess, Presbytery met and took up the order of the day for this hour, viz: Free Conversation on the State of Religion.

The reports from the Churches were read, and, for the present, placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee on the Narrative.

A committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. H. G. Hill and J. P. McPherson, and Dr. D. Sinclair, was appointed to prepare a form of questions for Church Sessions, to take the place of those now in use. Said committee to report next Fall.

Rev. Messrs. L. McKinnon and James Kelly, of the Presbytery of Wilmington, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Dr. John Small, Ruling-Elder of Mount Pisgah Church, appeared in Presbytery and assigned a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

Mr. David McAlister, a member of the Bluff Church, and Mr. Alexander McKinnon, a member of Davidson College Church, were introduced to Presbytery as candidates for the holy Ministry. They were examined on experimental religion and their motives in seeking the Gospel Ministry.

They were taken under our care and their names ordered to be enrolled as candidates.

The committee on religious exercises reported, which was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Education was taken from the docket and adopted. It is as follows, viz:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The committee on Education would respectfully report, that there are now seven candidates for the Gospel Ministry under the care of Presbytery.

One of these young brethren is pursuing his literary studies in the University of Virginia, one in Davidson College, one in the Bingham School, one in Rev. J. H. Coble's School, one in Mr. Brown's School, and one is desirous of teaching, with a view of entering regularly at Davidson College at the opening of the next session; and the other, Mr. J. M. McIver, has not been heard from since your last meeting.

Four of these young brethren, since your last meeting, have received aid from the General Assembly's Committee to the amount of $235.

Your committee having made arrangements to secure a report of the scholarship and deportment of the young men under your care, from the Presidents of Colleges and the Principals of Schools, are happy to report that all are pursuing their studies with some degree of proficiency.

Your committee would further report, that in compliance with the resolution of Synod requiring the respective Presbyterial committees on Education to take steps to bring before the Churches the importance of furnishing rooms in Davidson College for candidates for the Ministry, and of providing other material aid—as clothing, &c.—for their support, that they have had said resolution published in the "North Carolina Presbyterian," in order to bring it to the notice of the Churches.

The collections for the Educational Fund, as reported by the Treasurer, since your last meeting were $207 04; which amount is $27 96 less than the amount expended.

Now, the fact that we have received from the Assembly's Committee more than we have any means of returning, thereby placing this Presbytery in the position of a beneficiary, should be carefully considered, not only by the members of the Presbytery but by all our people. This is by no means creditable to us as a Presbytery, when we are abundantly able, not only to educate our own young men, but also to assist in the education of those in more destitute portions of our beloved Zion.

We would again urge upon all our Pastors, Stated Supplies and Ruling-Elders and Deacons the importance of taking up collections in all our Churches for the cause of Education.

Respectfully submitted.

H. McLEAN, Chairman.

The second item in the report of the committee on the Treasurer's papers was taken from the docket and adopted:

In reference to the Contingent Fund your committee report, that there is still due from the churches of the two Presbyteries,	$288 25
Due from the churches as per assessment made November 1868,	340 00
	$628 25

The same fund is due to the Treasurer,	$266 66
To the Stated Clerk,	75 00
To "N. C. Presbyterian,"	35 38
To Synod,	50 00
To General Assembly,	25 00
Commissioners to the Assembly,	100 00
	$551 04

If the amount due to this fund (Contingent) could be paid promptly it would leave a balance of $77 21.

The committee recommend that the publication of the delinquent Churches be continued in the "N. C. Presbyterian," not as a notice but as an advertisement; and that said delinquent Churches be assessed for the payment of the same in the ratio of their indebtedness.

The following Ruling-Elders obtained leave of absence after this evening, viz: W. C. Campbell, W. A. McLean, A. McRae and Peter C. Shaw.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place at half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, April 10, 1869.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Sessional Records of Mt. Carmel, Mineral Spring, Salem and Mt. Pisgah were approved.

On motion, the resolution fixing the time of the next meeting of Presbytery was reconsidered, and Thursday before 2d Sabbath in October 1869 was fixed as the time.

Rev. M. McNair, who had been appointed to declare Mt. Tabor Church vacant, reported that he had not discharged that duty because arrears had not been settled; whereupon he was continued.

The committee appointed to collect and revise the Standing Rules of Presbytery declared their readiness to report; whereupon the committee was continued and instructed to report next Fall.

The Agent of Publication presented his report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Of the books on deposit in our Presbytery $23 50 worth have been sold since my last report.

Within nearly two years we have paid only $95 25 on our account of $326 45 with the committee. There is still an account against us of $231 20.

Your Agent would suggest that, Whereas, it seems impossible to procure the services of a Colporteur to sell the books; and whereas, the committee is greatly in need of the capital thus lying idle in our hands; and whereas, the Synod, at its late sessions, enjoined upon its Presbyteries to require their Churches to establish Sabbath-schools where there are none, and to furnish these schools with the "Children's Friend" and the other excellent publications of the Central Committee; and whereas, it is contrary to the express order of the General Assembly to place books on deposit in this way: Therefore

Resolved, 1st. That the office-bearers of each church be directed to take up collections immediately for the purpose of providing Sabbath-school books and other religious reading for the children and youth of their congregations.

Resolved, 2d. That said collections be used in purchasing the books of the Committee now in the hands of the corresponding member of Publication, at Manchester—at least so far as the supply on hand will meet the demand.

Respectfully submitted.

DAVID FAIRLEY,
Corresponding member of Publication.

The chairman of the Committee of Sustentation made his report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

By the action of the last General Assembly it is made the duty of the Sustentation Committees of the several Presbyteries to secure to each laboring Minister a salary of six hundred dollars per annum at least. With a view to ascertain the facts upon which the committee might act intelligently in carrying out this requirement, the chairman of your committee addressed a brief circular in January last to each member of the Presbytery, making certain inquiries as to what he was to receive from his people for the year 1869, and whether, in case the amount promised fell below six hundred dollars, he thought they were doing what might reasonably be expected of them for his support.

A meeting of the committee was then called for the 26th of February, and notice given that any applications for aid from feeble churches would be considered at that time. Up to the time of the meeting, however, the information sought had been obtained from but *five* of the brethren, and but one application was before us for aid. This was from St. Andrew's Church; and your committee asked for one hundred and fifty dollars from the Assembly's committee, to supplement the amount promised by that Church to Rev. James McQueen. This sum was granted by the committee at Columbia.

Since the meeting of the committee in February, the information sought by the circulars in January has been obtained from four or five other brethren. Of these, the Rev. M. McNair is not receiving six hundred dollars from his Churches; but he frankly states that these Churches are not doing their duty in the matter of his support. In such a case as this your committee can do nothing. We must certify to the committee at Columbia that the people for whom aid is asked are, themselves, doing what could reasonably be expected of them to support the Gospel among themselves.

The Rev. Hector McLean reports that Antioch promises him two hundred and twenty-five dollars for the year; but that Philadelphus Church, to which he also ministers, promises him *no definite amount*, but the officers of that Church pledge the people to do what they can.

Your committee think that this is another case in which it is impossible for them to do anything.

So that the appropriation of $150 for St. Andrew's Church is the only appropriation yet made for any point in the Presbytery.

It is also made the duty of your committee (see Minutes of the Synod at Newbern, 1867, page 14,) "to take such steps and to recommend to the Presbyteries such measures as may be deemed advisable for the combination and consolidation of feeble and vacant Churches, so as to constitute suitable and permanent pastoral charges." In this work, vastly important as we believe it to be to the interests of true Presbyterianism in our bounds, the committee have done almost nothing. The great difficulty that met us at the threshold of our efforts in this direction is the loose manner in which the relationship between our Ministers and the Churches is so often formed, and, of course, dissolved. The Stated Supply system has grown upon us to such an extent, and has been practiced so long, that all authority is practically disregarded outside of the parties immediately contracting. Each congregation acts for itself in the matter of employing a Minister, without reference to the wishes or the interests of others in the vicinity; and our Ministers too often yield themselves as instruments in carrying out this selfish policy.

The relationship thus existing between the Minister and his people becomes simply one of individual convenience, formed for a few months or a year, and dissolved at will.

The remedy for this evil is in the Presbytery; your committee do not possess the requisite authority.

Let the requirements of our Book in regard to the pastoral relation be more strictly adhered to. Let the looser and more disjointed system of Stated Supply, when permittad, be defined and regulated by the Presbytery, either directly or through a committee appointed for this purpose. Let it not be formed without the consent of this Presbyterial authority; and, when formed, let it not be dissolved except by the same authority and for cause shown.

If the Presbytery will pursue this course, judiciously and firmly, then may something be done towards forming "suitable and permanent pastoral charges;" but without this, we submit that the injunction of the Synod is well nigh a dead letter,—and necessarily so.

As to funds, it may be sufficient to state that, just on the eve of leaving for this Presbytery, the Treasurer, Arch'd McLean, Esq., placed in the hands of the chairman of your committee a check for $587 94. This sum embraces all the contributions for the cause of Sustentation within the Presbytery for the past twelve months, together with a small balance on hand twelve months ago, when we united with the Assembly's committee.

It will be seen at once that our Churches have made but a meagre offering to this cause, and it is earnestly hoped that there may be improvement in this respect in future. If, as the fact stated in the previous part of this report relative to applications for aid seems to intimate, our Churches are disposed generally to avoid asking for assistance in supporting the Gospel among themselves, this does not relieve them from the responsibility of contributing to the Sustentation fund. There are great and pressing destitutions elsewhere, throughout our Southern country, that ought to be supplied, in part through our aid in furnishing funds to the Assembly's committee.

It is the painful duty of your committee to call the attention of the Presbytery to the death of Hon. J. G. Shepherd, a member of the committee, and to the vacancy thereby occasioned.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. SHERWOOD, Chairman.

Rev. John M. Sherwood, Chairman of the above committee, on account of the press of other duties upon his time and efforts, tendered the resignation of his office as Chairman. Whereupon his resignation was accepted, and the thanks of Presbytery were tendered to him for the faithful manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office.

On motion, Rev. H. G. Hill was chosen as Chairman of said committee, and B. Fuller, Esq. to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. J. G. Shepherd.

A paper in reference to the transfer of Davidson College from Presbyterial to Synodical control was introduced, and, after considerable discussion, was indefinitely postponed.

Leave of absence was granted to M. McInnis.

The committee to whom the request of the Trustees of Davidson College, to rescind section 2d, article 1st, of the constitution, had been referred, reported they could not agree, and therefore returned the papers in question to the Presbytery for their decision.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That this Presbytery do not concur in the proposition to change the constitution of Davidson College.

The Presbytery of Wilmington, through their Stated Clerk, Rev. Luther McKinnon, requested a share in the trusteeship of Davidson College to which the Presbytery of Fayetteville is now entitled; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Fayetteville agree to an equal division with the Presbytery of Wilmington in the present representation of stock of Fayetteville in Davidson College, and that the Presbyteries of Concord and Bethel be requested to concur in the action of this Presbytery.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. Messrs. H. McLean and M. McNair, and also to J. C. Campbell and William McDiarmid.

Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met—Rev. H. G. Hill, the last Moderator present, in the Chair.

The committee on the Narrative to the General Assembly presented their report, which was adopted and a copy ordered to be forwarded.

NARRATIVE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

With regard to temporal things, the condition of our churches is more encouraging than it was a year ago. Our people have gone to work in earnest to repair their fortunes. Their thoughts and energies, so long wasted in a fruitless brooding over the losses and misfortunes of the past, are now occupied with present duties. As a result, a more lively interest is felt in the subject of religion.

During the past year God has in a special manner owned and blessed the preaching of His word. Several of our churches have been greatly revived. One, Ashpole, has been visited by an extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Spirit; one hundred and thirty additions having been made to its membership on examination. Smyrna, under the same ministerial charge, received an addition of thirty members. Union church also has been greatly refreshed with an addition of fifty-six to its membership. Besides these, almost all of our churches report additions to their numbers. These tokens of God's presence with His church call for gratitude and praise. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." There is also an improvement in the liberality of our people. While the amount contributed is small, and comes short perhaps of what it ought to be, yet a larger proportion than usual of our churches have contributed to all the objects of benevolence.

There remains, however, much to mourn over. The vices of intemperance and worldly-mindedness still prevail among many of God's professing people.

There does not seem to be that entire self-consecration to the service of the Master that there should be.

Nevertheless, upon a review of God's dealings with us during the past year, there is much to encourage the hearts of His people to go forward in the more faithful and diligent use of the means of grace, assured that their labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Rev. J. H. Coble obtained leave of absence.

Rev. James McQueen appeared in Presbytery and assigned a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

The Sessional Records of Laurel Hill and Fayetteville were approved.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence submitted their report, which was approved, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence would respectfully report that, according to the statistical reports sent up to Presbytery this Spring, the following amounts have been contributed during the past year:

27	Churches to Sustentation,	$381 04
23	" " Foreign Missions,	282 44
25	" " Education,	427 00
23	" " Publication,	206 48
7	" " Disabled Ministers,	29 55
	Whole amount contributed,	$1326 50

Some progress has been made in this good work, and we believe that, if our people were thoroughly indoctrinated as to the grace of giving, a much larger amount would be realized; and therefore we would again and earnestly beseech the Ministers, Elders and Deacons to do their whole duty in this important department of Christian effort.

Let the duty of God's people be fully explained and pressed upon the conscience, and then give to each one an opportunity of contributing to all the benevolent schemes of our Church, and the result will astonish even the most sanguine.

If giving to the cause of God be an indispensable element in that worship which He requires in His house and upon His holy Sabbath, then no one should claim exemption from this delightful duty. May He enable us to abound in this grace also! Respectfully submitted.

J. P. McPHERSON, Chairman.

The Treasurer *pro tem.*, Rev. David Fairley, read his report, which was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes, and he was directed to pay over the funds in his hands to the Treasurer, Mr. A. McLean.

The Stated Clerk read the Statistical Report to the General Assembly, which was approved.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the General Assembly, that, at present, they consist of 19 ministers, and have under their care 44 churches and 9 candidates. That on the 16th day of November, 1867, they organized the Church of Catharine Lake, in Lower Richland District, Onslow County, N. C.; that on the —— day of ——, 1868, they installed Rev. D. B. Black Pastor of Pike Church; that on the 9th day of May, 1868, they installed Rev. K. M. McIntyre Pastor of Mineral Spring Church; that on the 16th day of May, 1868, they organized Salem Church; that on the 11th day of July, 1868, they installed Rev. H. G. Hill Pastor of the Church in Fayetteville; that on the 19th day of November, 1868, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. M. McNair and Mt. Tabor Church; and that on the 27th day of December, 1868, they lost by death our venerable father in the Ministry, Rev. Simeon Colton, D.D.

Respectfully submitted. J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

The annual report to the General Assembly was read and approved, and a copy ordered to be forwarded.

The Lumberton Church obtained permission to secure the services of Mr. Archibald McFadyen, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Wilmington, and Lebanon Church those of Rev. H. A. Monroe, a member of the same Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk was directed to give orders on the Treasurer for the amounts specified in the report of the committee on his report.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to publish an abstract of our present Minutes in the "N. C. Presbyterian," and also 300 copies of the Minutes in pamphlet form.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery are hereby tendered to the congregation of Laurel Hill and the surrounding community, for their hospitality to the members; and also to the railroad and steamboat companies for facilities in attending Presbytery.

Rev. H. McLean was appointed to ordain officers in the Lumberton Church the 3d Sabbath in this month.

The Minutes of this day were read, corrected and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Sharon Church, Montgomery County, N. C., Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in October 1869, at 12 o'clock M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF TREASURER *pro tem.*

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Conting't Fund	Sustentation.	For. Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Total.
Ashpole,	$18 00	$6 50	$4 00	$33 00	$6 80	$68 30
Bethel,	10 00					10 00
Ben-Salem,	8 00					8 00
Bluff,	7 00					7 00
Big Rockfish,	10 00				11 88	21 88
Buffalo,	18 00					18 00
Carthage,	12 00					12 00
Centre,					7 95	7 95
Euphronia,	10 00					10 00
Laurel Hill,	10 25	8 50	4 00	4 00	25	27 00
Laurinburgh,	6 00			3 00		9 00
Lebanon,	3 00					3 00
Lumber Bridge,	5 00				4 50	9 50
Lumberton,	5 00					5 00
Macedonia,	5 00					5 00
Mineral Spring,	8 00					8 00
Mt. Carmel,	4 00					4 00
Mt. Pisgah,	4 00	4 00				8 00
Mt. Tabor,	3 00					3 00
Pee Dee,	8 00					8 00
Salem,	3 00					3 00
Sardis,		16 65			14 00	30 65
Sandy Grove,	5 00					5 00
Sharon,	5 00					5 00
Smyrna,	12 00					12 00
St. Paul's.					7 35	7 35
Union,	18 00	15 70			9 00	42 70
*Carthage,	3 00					3 00
*Centre,	18 00					18 00
*Laurinburgh,	6 00					6 00
*Mineral Spring,	9 75					9 75
*Mt. Carmel,	2 00					2 00
*Mt. Tabor,	2 00					2 00
*Union,	6 00					6 00
*Mt. Horeb,	3 00					3 00
*Brown Marsh,	8 00					8 00
	255 00	$51 35	$8 00	$40 00	$61 73	$416 08

*Delinquent assessments.

DAVID FAIRLEY, Treas'r *pro tem.*

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports to the General Assembly that it consists of nineteen Ministers, and has under its care forty-four Churches and nine Candidates, viz:

MINISTERS AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.		Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes.	FUNDS COLLECTED.							
			Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants	Infant.	Adult.		Sustentation.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Presbyterial.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.	Disabled Ministers.
Hector McLean, P.,	Shoe Heel, N. C.,	Antioch, P., 40,32	9		126		5	40	$ 5 25	$ 6 17	$ 7 35	$ 5 25	$10 00	$160 00	$ 16 00	$ 5 25
		Philadelphus, P., 22,40	1		70		2	25	1 35	85	1 00	50	6 00	97 00	4 00	50
Hector McNeill, P.,	"	Bethel, P., 7,72	5	1	86		2	56	5 10	8 40	10 25	4 60	10 00	119 50	2 25	
		Lumber Bridge, P., 17,92	17	1	56	2	5	15	6 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	211 00	8 00	
J. P. McPherson, S. S.,	Fayetteville.	McPherson's, S. S., 16,00	5	4	50	3	8	20					11 00	800 00		
		Galatia, S. S., 41,92	1	4	131	1	5	50	11 25				18 00	175 50		
		Sandy Grove, S. S.,														
Neill McKay, P.,	Summerville.	Buffalo, P., 75,52	9	8	236	5	12	131	27 75	58 50	26 75	9 40	18 00	450 00		
		Salem, S. S., 14,40	4	41	45	1			9 45	11 60		2 40	3 00	135 90		
		Mt. Pisgah, S. S., 11,84	8	4	37	3	1	32	4 00	12 00	8 00	4 00	4 00			
		Tirza, S. S., 36,16	1		113			20	2 75		3 65	4 00	5 20			
Andrew McMillan, S. S.	Rockingham.	Mt. Carmel, S. S.,														
		Laurel Hill, S. S., 46,72	7		146	2			11 45	50 00	5 00	1 25	9 45	350 00	23 00	
Hector McAlister, W. C.,	Fayetteville.															
J. M. Sherwood, S. S.,	"	Big Rockfish, S. S. 30,40	2		95		3	55	11 00	17 00	12 00	30 00	5 00	330 00		
		St. Paul's, S. S., 40,00	8	1	125		1	35	20 00	10 00	13 00	7 00	12 00	102 00	18 00	
D. D. McBryde, P.,	Fayetteville.	Bluff, P.,														
		Sardis, S. S.,														
		Barbecue, S. S.,														
Martin McQueen, P.,	Carthage.	Carthage, P., 43,53	4	3	136		4	76	20 20	8 00	5 00	6 00	12 00	335 00	12 00	
		Union, P., 110,08	56	2	344	19	15	117	25 25	11 00	10 05	15 20	18 00	466 66		
James McQueen, S. S.,	Swann's Station.	St. Andrew's, S. S. 21,44	3	3	67	1	2	20	4 30	11 65	7 00		5 00	190 00	3 85	
N. T. Bowden, S. S.,	Powellton.	Montpelier, S. S.,														
		Harmony, S. S.,														
Arch'd McQueen, S. S.,	Shoe Heel.	Ashpole, S. S.,	130	2		51	11		6 50	4 00	33 00	7 80	18 00	379 50		
J. H. Coble, P.,	"	Centre, P., 73,92	4		231		10		14 00	9 15	13 81	7 95	18 00	600 00		6 60
H. G. Hill, P.,	Fayetteville.	Fayetteville, P., 64,06	4	2	203	1	14	65	70 49	47 27	182 75	41 03	57 00	2609 90	44 00	
David Fairley, P.,	Manchester.	China Grove, P., 26,24			82			30	40 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	500 00		
		Cypress, P., 36,48	6		114	3	1	57	3 00	3 00	6 45	3 00	13 00	203 85		3 00
		Longstreet, S. S., 30,72	6	1	96	1			37 80	5 20	5 26	5 20	8 00			
Malcom McNair, Co-P.,	Shoe Heel.	Bethel and Lumber Bridge, Co-P.,														
J. H. Colton, S. S.,	Mt. Gilead.	Pee Dee, S. S., 7,36	2	1	23	1	1	10	11 00	3 00	15 00	10 00	14 00	300 00		9 00
		Sharon, S. S., 22,72	4	3	71	1	1	30	6 00	6 00	3 00	6 00	5 00	266 00		2 50
A. N. Ferguson, P.,	Carthage.	Ben-Salem, P., 42,88			134		2		5 00	13 00	8 00	3 00	11 00	208 00	11 00	
		Euphronia, S. S., 92,64	2		102		4	41	18 00		26 00		10 00	260 00		
K. M. McIntyre, P.,	Curriesville.	Mineral Spring, P., 41,28	2	1	129		3	124						160 00		
		Bethesda, S. S., 45,12	2		141		5	57	3 35	5 65	2 75	2 90				2 70
		Macedonia, S. S.,														
		Mark's Creek, V.,														
		Mizpeh, V.,														
		Lumberton, S. S., 7,68	8		24	7	4	20	8 00		6 00			100 00		
		Lebanon, S. S.,														
		Smyrna, S. S., 49,66	30		155	4	5									
		Laurinburgh, V., 14,46	7		45	1	6	11	11 00	11 00	3 00	11 00	12 00	240 00	100 00	
		Mt. Tabor, V.,														
		Bethlehem, V.,														
			148	82	3499	107	132	1137	$399 04	$290 44	$440 01	$213 48	$333 65	$9978 91	$242 10	$29 55

Fayetteville, N. C., April 16, 1869.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

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MINUTES.

SHARON CHURCH, MONTGOMERY CO., N. C.,
October 7th, 1869.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened, by request, with a sermon by Rev. H. G. Hill, from Acts ix: 6: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

After sermon, the Moderator, Rev. H. McLean, took the Chair and opened the sessions with prayer.

PRESENT:

Ministers—H. McLean, H. McNeill, J. P. McPherson, A. McMillan, M. McQueen, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, H. G. Hill, M. McNair, James H. Colton, A. N. Ferguson and K. M. McIntyre.

Ruling-Elders—D. C. Blue, Bethesda; W. W. Dye, Buffalo; J. H. Forbis, Harmony; M. McIntosh, Laurel Hill; Peter Brown, Lumber Bridge; Neill Gillis, Macedonia; Daniel McKenzie, Mineral Spring; Archibald McLeod, Sandy Grove; Angus McInnis, Sharon; Alexander McBryde, St. Andrews, and Evander Kelly, Union.

ABSENT:

Ministers—Neill McKay, D.D., J. M. Sherwood, H. McAlister, D. D. McBryde, James McQueen, John H. Coble and David Fairley.

Churches not Represented—Antioch and Philadelphus, Ashpole, Barbecue, Bethlehem, Bluff, Big Rockfish, Centre, China Grove and Cypress, Euphronia, Fayetteville, Galatia, Laurinburgh, Lebanon, Longstreet, Lumberton, McPherson's, Mark's Creek, Mizpeh, Montpelier, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Tabor, Pee Dee, Salem, Sardis, Smyrna, St. Paul's and Tirza.

MODERATOR AND CLERKS.

Rev. A. McQueen was chosen Moderator, and Rev. K. M. McIntyre and D. C. Blue Temporary Clerks.

Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

Rev. A. N. Ferguson rendered a satisfactory reason for absence from our last stated sessions.

W. M. Stewart, Ruling-Elder from Mt. Carmel Church, appeared and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Messrs. J. H. Colton and N. T. Bowden and Angus McInnis the Committee on Religious Exercises; and Rev. H. G. Hill Treasurer *pro tem.*

To select the place and fix the time for our next regular sessions was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning; and Free Conversation on the State of Religion the second order of the day.

Rev. D. D. McBryde was re-elected a Trustee of Davidson College for four years.

THE DONALDSON ACADEMY.

The Stated Clerk presented and read the Charter and By-Laws of the Donaldson Academy; whereupon the following persons were nominated as Trustees of said institution, viz: Rev. H. G. Hill, Mr. J. D. Williams, Rev. J. P. McPherson and Mr. Milton Rose; and the election was made the third order of the day for to-morrow.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report on Foreign Missions was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

EDUCATION.

The committee on Education presented their report, which was accepted; whereupon Rev. H. McNeill was added to said committee, and Col. Alex'r McMillan was chosen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. A. D. McLean.

The consideration of this report was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock Saturday.

STANDING RULES.

The committee to revise the Standing Rules of Presbytery presented their report, through Rev. J. H. Colton, which was accepted and placed on the docket.

Presbytery resolved to spend the first half-hour of each morning's session in devotional exercises, and then adjourned to meet in this place at half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 8th, 1869.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. Messrs. James T. Townsend and John Dunn, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. B. C. Phillips, of the M. E. Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Kenneth Metheson, Ruling-Elder from Ben-Salem Church, appeared and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

NARRATIVE TO SYNOD.—Rev. Messrs. H. G. Hill and N. T. Bowden, and D. McKenzie.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Rev. Messrs. H. McLean and M. McNair, and N. Gillis.

Presbytery then took up the order of the day for this hour, when the McPherson Church, Cumberland County, N. C., was unanimously chosen as the place of our next semi-annual meeting, and Thursday before the second Sabbath in April 1870, at 11 o'clock A. M., was fixed as the time.

Presbytery then took up the second order of the day, viz: Free Conversation. Rev. H. G. Hill was excused, at his own request, from serving as Chairman of the committee on the Narrative, and Rev. James H. Colton was substituted in his place.

Reports were then heard from the Churches.

Presbytery took a recess of five minutes to meet in the Academy.

After recess, Presbytery met and took up the third order of the day, when the persons nominated yesterday as Trustees of the Donaldson Academy were elected, viz: Rev. H. G. Hill, Mr. John D. Williams, Rev. J. P. McPherson and Mr. Milton Rose.

The Stated Clerk was directed to publish the Charter and By-Laws of the Donaldson Academy, with the names of the Trustees annexed, in the Appendix to our present Minutes.

The committee appointed last Spring, to revise the questions to be answered by our Church Sessions, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to prepare a new form for the Annual Report of Church Sessions to the Presbytery, would present the following series of questions to be prefixed to the Statistical Report already in use, and would recommend that only a few verbal alterations be made in the explanations of the latter, and only such changes in the columns for figures as the additional subjects mentioned require. The verbal alterations are noted upon an accompanying copy of the printed form now used.

The Session of —— Church will please give to the Presbytery of Fayetteville written answers to the following questions:

1st. What are the names and Post Offices of your Elders and Deacons?

2d. What salary do you promise and pay your Minister, and is the amount equal to your ability?

3d. How many Sabbaths in the month do you have regular preaching by your Minister?

4th. Is your Minister engaged in secular pursuits, and is this necessary for his support?

5th. Do you pay your Minister annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly?

6th. Is your Church in debt for its property, or to any former Pastor or Stated Supply, and, if so, are you making honest efforts to discharge such obligations?

7th. What proportion of your membership worship God by religious contributions, and do you urge all to do so according to their ability?

8th. Does your Church support by systematic contributions all the Committees of the Assembly?

9th. Do your Deacons or Elders look after the poor of the Church and see that they are provided for?

10th. Does your Church pay the expenses of your delegates to Presbytery and Synod?

11th. Has your Church paid its Presbyterial assessment due the 1st of April of the present year?

12th. Do you encourage your children to work for the Church, and to sustain it by monied contributions?

13th. Have you efficient Sabbath-schools in your Church for both white and colored children, and of how many teachers and pupils does each school consist?

14th. How many volumes in your Sabbath-school library? Do you add to it annually, and how many copies of "The Children's Friend" do you take?

15th. Have you a Bible-class in your Church, by whom is it conducted, and of how many pupils does it consist?

16th. Do your Elders, Deacons and Minister attend regularly and punctually to official visiting?

17th. Do your Ruling-Elders conduct religious services in the absence of your Minister?

18th. Do your Elders, Deacons and private members, residing sufficiently near, attend punctually upon the prayer-meetings of the Church?

19th. Are the children of the Church regularly taught the Shorter Catechism and catechised by your Minister?

20th. Does your Minister discharge his official duties with a reasonable degree of fidelity, and to the spiritual edification of your Church?

The alterations in the Statistical Report recommended are as follow: 1st. That columns be provided for the number of volumes in Sabbath-school library and copies of "Children's Friend" taken. 2d. The following verbal changes:

SUSTENTATION: to include all contributions in aid of feeble Churches, Evangelists, Disabled Ministers, and Church building. CONGREGATIONAL: to include contributions to the poor, Minister's salary, incidental expenses, repairs of Church building, parsonage, &c. Respectfully submitted.

H. G. HILL, Ch'n of Committee.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to have printed immediately 200 copies of the above report, and to forward one copy to each Church Session.

Rev. J. P. McPherson presented his account of traveling expenses as a Director of Union Theological Seminary, Va., last May, amounting to $26 80, which was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of Presbytery.

The account for printing, binding and mailing the Minutes of last Spring Sessions, amounting to $49 36, was read and was likewise ordered to be paid by the Treasurer.

The Stated Clerk reported that, owing to personal indisposition, the Treasurer of Presbytery, Mr. A. McLean, was unable to have his report in readiness for our present meeting, which was deemed satisfactory.

Rev. M. McNair reported, that he had preached at Mt. Tabor Church, and declared said Church vacant.

"The Book of Church Order," sent down by the last General Assembly, was referred to the following Committee to report thereon at our Spring Sessions, viz: Rev. Messrs. H. G. Hill, J. P. McPherson and B. Fuller, Esq.

Presbytery took a recess of three-quarters of an hour to meet in the Church.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Concord, notifying us that said Presbytery granted the request of the Presbytery of Fayetteville to divide the Trusteeship, which we hold in Davidson College, with the Presbytery of Wilmington.

On motion, it was resolved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in Morganton, N. C., during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to publish in the "N. C. Presbyterian" an Abstract, and also 400 copies of the Minutes in pamphlet form, for distribution among the Ministers and Churches.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last General Assembly presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly would respectfully call the attention of Presbytery to the following items:

1st. To items two and three, page 383, on the subject of Foreign Missions.

"2. That it be enjoined upon all our Ministers to preach, as it may be suitably and conveniently done, at least one sermon during the current year on the subject of Foreign Missions; and that it be recommended to the Ministers and Churches to be careful in the observance of the monthly concert, and that the subject of missions be more frequently brought to the attention of Sabbath-schools.

3. That it be recommended to the benevolent to make enlarged contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions; that delinquent Churches be reminded of their shortcomings in regard to this work; and in addition to the regular annual collection appointed by the Assembly, it is suggested that collections be raised at the monthly concerts, and that the children of the Sabbath-schools be encouraged to come with their offerings in behalf of this cause.

Before closing the report, your committee would call the attention of the Assembly to the claims of 'The Missionary,' published under the direction of the Committee of Foreign Missions, and would urge its increased circulation among our people."

2d. To items 2, 4 and 5, pages 387 and 388, on the subject of Education.

"2. That we urge upon our Churches to consecrate themselves and their property more entirely to God, and to contribute more largely of their substance, not only to supply the present deficiency in the treasury, but also to meet the increased demands made upon the Executive Committee by the unusual increase of candidates for the ministry; and resolved further, on this point, that those Churches which have contributed nothing to this cause during the last year are urged to take up a collection as soon as practicable.

4. That in view of the increased number of those who are seeking the ministerial office, and the necessity of prudence and caution in this important matter, it is enjoined upon the Presbyteries to exercise great care, and encourage none to go forward who do not give satisfactory evidence that they are moved by the Holy Spirit to seek the sacred office; and to this end, resolved further, that it is enjoined upon our Presbyteries to maintain and preserve a high standard of ministerial qualifications.

5. That the last Thursday in February next is hereby appointed as a day of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the youth of our Churches, and of our institutions of learning, and for God's blessing upon this cause."

3d. To items 1 and 2, on page 391.

"1. That this Assembly would earnestly appeal to the christian consciences of the educated members of our Church, among literary and professional men, as well as among our young men who are now considering the particular profession or life-work for their future pursuit, to seek in solemn and earnest humble prayer to God the answer to the question, 'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do,' and that they watch the providences of God as they open before them; and that, by every available means, they strive to ascertain God's holy will in reference to this great matter, without allowing themselves either presumptuously to seek this holy office from the mere possession of external gifts, however great, or suffering themselves to be deterred from it by obstacles and difficulties, however apparently formidable.

2. That the Assembly would, in hearty response to the second suggestion of this overture, earnestly and solemnly enjoin upon all the Sessions and Presbyteries under its care the absolute necessity of enforcing 'the discipline provided in our Constitution against offences,'—under the word offences including attendance by our members upon theatrical exhibitions and performances, and promiscuous dancings; against intemperance, and against availing themselves of the expedients for evading pecuniary obligations now permitted by the legislation of the country,' in such manner as cannot be justified by a conscience enlightened by the Spirit and the word of God, and as must dishonor the name of Jesus Christ."

4th. To items 4 and 5, on page 393.

"4. That in view of the inadequate support of our ministry, and of the hopeful prospect of improvement in the pecuniary condition of the country, as well as the great importance of relieving as far as possible our Ministers from worldly cares, it be enjoined upon the Presbyteries and the Central Committee to make the effort to raise the salary of every laboring minister to $750 for the year 1870.

5. The Assembly exhorts, also, every Presbytery to call the attention of each Church in its bounds to the importance of having a manse provided for its pastor, in some central and convenient place, and with a few acres of arable and wooded land attached in the case of country churches. The comfort and usefulness of ministers will be greatly promoted by this measure, and the cords of affection and confidence between pastor and people be greatly strengthened."

And we recommend that it be enjoined on all our pastors and stated supplies to read the above items to their respective charges.

Respectfully submitted.

Rev. H. G. Hill presented sundry resolutions in reference to Stated Supplies, which were read, accepted and made the first order of the day for to-morrow.

The hour of the order of the day, viz: the report on Foreign Missions, having arrived, said report was read by the Agent, Rev. M. McQueen, which was accepted, amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

While all other branches of the Christian Church are marshalling their hosts and advancing to the conquest of the world, under the marching orders of their great Captain, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," our Church, though young, and amongst the least of the tribes of Israel, is girding on her armor for the conflict.

Though just emerging from her deep distress and poverty, still she is joining in with the rest of God's people in evangelizing the world. Her missionary force is fast recruiting its numbers and strength. One year ago only eight ordained missionaries were reported in the field; this year she reports sixteen regularly ordained missionaries, two licentiates, four female assistant missionaries, and eight native helpers—making in all thirty laborers in the missionary field.

God has thus recognized and honored our Church by doubling our missionary force in one year. But with this high honor comes the corresponding obligation to contribute liberally of our means, and the amounts contributed are greatly increasing. Still, it is none the less sad to state, that about half of all our Churches are reported delinquent, and this is painfully true of our Presbytery. Out of our forty-four Churches only twenty-four are reported as contributing to this cause, leaving twenty which give nothing, or if they do, they fail to report it. Of these twenty non-contributing Churches only four are properly reported vacant, leaving sixteen—over one-third of our Churches—supplied with regular preaching, but give nothing to send that Gospel to the perishing heathen. It is sad to see that so many of our Ministers, office-bearers and members of the Church are so regardless of their solemn obligation to send the bread of life to those who are perishing in their sin and ignorance.

Our twenty-four contributing Churches gave $290 44, an increase of $36 76 over last year. Still this is by far too small a contribution for a Presbytery as large as ours. But it cannot be expected that twenty Churches will contribute as much as forty-four should contribute.

And hence our contributions are small, and will continue small, till all our Churches will come forward and contribute their proportional part. We do therefore earnestly entreat the brethren and office-bearers of the Church to ponder well the mighty responsibility resting upon them, and see to it that all the members under their care be called upon to contribute their mite to this great cause of sending the glad tidings of salvation to those who are dying in ignorance of the only "name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Respectfully submitted.

M. McQUEEN, Agent.

Pending the discussion on this subject several interesting addresses were made.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place at half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 9th, 1869.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Neill McMillan, Ruling-Elder from Bluff Church, appeared and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

Rev. Neill McKay, D.D., appeared in Presbytery and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

The order of the day was taken up and discussed until the hour for the second order of the day arrived, viz: the report of the Committee on Education.

The report was again read, and, after some remarks, was adopted and is as follows, viz:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education would respectfully report to Presbytery, that there are now under your care nine candidates for the Ministry, viz: Messrs. Laughlin W. Currie, Colin A. Cameron, Daniel McRae, Kenneth McDonald, Angus McDonald, John M. McIver, James A. Smith, Alex'r M. McKinnon and David S. McAlister. Messrs. Smith, McKinnon, McAlister and Kenneth McDonald are prosecuting their studies at Davidson College; Mr. Angus McDonald is in Bingham's School, and Mr. L. W. Currie is at Union Seminary.

No recent intelligence has been received from Mr. Colin A. Cameron, and your Committee have not heard from Mr. John M. McIver during the last year.

Since your last meeting the following appropriations to our candidates have been made by the Committee at Richmond, viz:

To Mr. Laughlin W. Currie,	$175 00
" Mr. Kenneth McDonald,	175 00
" Mr. James A. Smith,	175 00
" Mr. Alexander McKinnon,	175 00
" Mr. Angus McDonald,	60 00
Amount in full,	$760 00

Since the above appropriations were made Mr. David S. McAlister has requested aid of your Committee; he has been recommended to the Committee at Richmond, and an appropriation of $175 has likewise been asked for in aid of him.

From recent intelligence received from Dr. McPhail, informing your Committee that $225 was the minimum amount that would defray the expenses of one of our candidates for the collegiate year at Davidson College, your Committee have communicated the same to the Committee at Richmond, with the request that the amount of $175, heretofore asked for in behalf of each of our candidates at Davidson College, be supplemented by an addition of $50, making for each the sum of $225, which request has been granted; and the amount necessary for the ensuing year, to retain our present number of candidates requiring aid, in a course of preparation for the Gospel Ministry, will be $1135. The collections for the Education fund, as represented by the Treasurer, since your last meeting, were $

It becomes the painful duty of your Committee to call the attention of the Presbytery to the death of Dr. A. D. McLean, a member of the Committee, and the vacancy thereby occasioned. Respectfully submitted.

HECTOR McLEAN, Chairman.

Presbytery adopted the following paper in reference to Mr. John M. McIver, a candidate under our care, viz:

Resolved, That Presbytery sympathise with John M. McIver in the providential obstacles that make it necessary for him to request his name to be stricken from the list of candidates, and that his request be granted without prejudice.

The committee appointed to prepare a historical sketch of the life and labors of Rev. Simeon Colton, D.D., presented their report, which was accepted and ordered to be transcribed in the Biographical Sketch-Book, and the Stated Clerk was directed to send a copy of the same to the family of Dr. Colton.

Presbytery took a recess of half an hour to meet in the Academy.

After recess Presbytery met, when leave of absence was granted to Peter Brown, J. H. Forbis and Milton McIntosh.

Rev. H. McNeill, appointed last Spring to ordain officers in the Church at Lumberton, reported that he discharged that duty on the 3d Sabbath in April 1869, when he ordained Col. Thomas J. Morisey to the office of Ruling-Elder, and Messrs. Archibald McNeill and —— McLeod to the office of Deacon.

The committee on Religious Exercises made a final report, which was accepted and the committee discharged.

The Sustentation committee submitted their report, which was accepted, amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Presbyterial committee of Sustentation would make the following report:

1st. In regard to Ministerial support. We have in Fayetteville Presbytery 18 Ministers who have charges. Of these 8 receive an average salary of $950; 5 a salary of $563, and 4 a salary of $325. One receives nothing for preaching. Only Brother James McQueen has received aid from the Assembly's committee of Sustentation during the present year, to the amount of $150.

Three obstacles oppose the raising of those salaries which fall below the minimum fixed by the Assembly, $750. 1st. Many Churches do not raise the amount they are able, either for the support of their own preachers or the general Sustentation fund. 2d. Some Churches that might unite with others in adequately supporting a Minister fail to do so, and receive more of a Minister's time than they fairly pay for. 3d. A few feeble Churches, which support their preachers according to their ability, are so isolated by location, or existing Church relations, that they cannot co-operate with others so as to secure for their Minister the minimum of $750, even by the help of a large appropriation from the Assembly's Committee of Sustentation.

The first obstacle can be removed only by the increased fidelity of Ministers in urging their people to consecrate their substance to the Lord.

The last mentioned, we believe, will gradually yield to time, the judicious formation of pastorates, and the employment of an Evangelist, when the way be opened.

2d. A second part of the report of your committee relates to the funds collected in the Presbytery for Sustentation.

—— Churches report as contributed to this cause, during the year ending October 1st, 1869, $——. During the same period $150 have been drawn from the Sustentation fund to aid St. Andrew's Church in supporting Rev. James McQueen. This shows that our Presbytery has contributed to the general fund during the year just closed $—— more than we have drawn from it.

They also recommend that Bethlehem be joined to Fayetteville Church as a missionary point at present, to be supplied by Rev. J. M. Sherwood and Rev. H. G. Hill, as they may be able.

They furthermore request the Presbytery to enjoin it upon Pastors and Stated Supplies, when they preach for vacant Churches and mission fields, to have collections taken up for the Committees of the Assembly.

In conclusion, your committee would state that, during the Fall and early Winter, they will hold a meeting in Fayetteville to consider the applications of feeble Churches for aid in supporting their Ministers, or completing their houses of worship, during the ensuing year. Notice of this meeting will be given in the "N. C. Presbyterian." Respectfully submitted.

H. G. HILL, Chairman.

The Stated Clerk reported that there was a vacancy in the Board of Trustees of Presbytery, occasioned by the death of Hon. J. G. Shepherd; whereupon B. Fuller, Esq. was chosen to fill said vacancy.

The committee to prepare a Narrative to be laid before Synod submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION

Within the bounds of Fayetteville Presbytery, to the Synod of North Carolina, for the year ending October 1st, 1869.

Religion is not at a stand-still in Fayetteville Presbytery, and yet not marked by that advance which God's word and providence demand, and perhaps not corresponding to the means of grace granted and used.

Our Churches are supplied with the ministry of the word as well as for some years previous, and but few actual vacancies exist. We may note particularly that *Sabbath-schools* and prayer-meetings are kept up in nearly all our Churches, and very general attention is paid to systematic benevolence: a few make weekly contributions.

Several Churches have enjoyed special seasons of revival, and these report respectively from fifteen to thirty communicants added. Most report small additions; making in all probably not far less than one hundred and fifty additions.

We may note as hindrances to the upbuilding of the Church, and individual growth in grace, that several of our Ministers seem to be compelled to withhold themselves from the full exercise of their ministry, either from the direct inability of their Churches to make them free from worldly cares, or from the unwillingness of some Churches to make proper associations with others in employing Ministers, or to use the labor at hand. We may note also that the forming of the pastoral relation is too generally neglected; that the aggregate benevolent contributions is small, and very many members contribute nothing to general objects; that the Monthly Concert is not generally observed, and that the "Missionary" and "Children's Friend" are not generally taken by our people. These are blemishes which ought not to exist and which we hope shall not exist long.

However, while we may reproach ourselves that the Master's work is so feebly done, we have reason to be thankful that Satan has not prevailed to spread any great vices or errors amongst us. We trust in God, too, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that the dealings of Providence are having their proper effect upon our people in teaching them humility, penitence and devotion to God and the Church, and that we shall soon see abundant fruit in the exercise of the grace of benevolence, in personal sacrifice and labor, and in many turning to the Lord by their instrumentality.

JAMES H. COLTON,
N. T. BOWDEN,
DANIEL McKENZIE,
Committee.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to publish, as an Appendix to the Minutes, "The Charter and By-Laws of the Donaldson Academy."

The resolutions in regard to the system of Stated Supplies, and also the report of the committee on the Standing Rules of Presbytery, were ordered to be placed on the docket until our Spring Sessions.

Rev. A. McMillan obtained leave of absence.

STATISTICAL REPORT TO SYNOD.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that, at present, they consist of 19 Ministers, and have under their care 44 Churches and 8 candidates for the Ministry; that on the 27th day of Dec'r, 1868, they lost by death our venerable father, Rev. Simeon Colton, D.D.

Respectfully submitted.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Presbytery are due and are hereby tendered to the congregation of Sharon and the vicinity for their generous hospitality to the members during our present sessions, and that this resolution be read by their Stated Supply from the pulpit.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the town of Morganton, N. C., during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

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FIRST ADJOURNED MEETING.

MORGANTON, N. C., Oct. 15th, 1869.

Presbytery met at the call of Rev. H. G. Hill, the last Moderator present, and was opened with prayer.

PRESENT:

Ministers—J. P. McPherson, N. McKay, D.D., M. McQueen, H. G. Hill, J. H. Colton and Angus N. Ferguson.

Ruling-Elder—Evander Kelly, Union Church.

The following vote of thanks was passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of Presbytery are due and are hereby tendered to Rev. J. Rumple and other friends in Salisbury, N. C., for their kindness to us on our way to Synod; and also to the officers of the Western N. C. Railroad, for passing us over their road at half-fare; and that the Stated Clerk be ordered to publish this resolution in one of the newspapers published in Salisbury, and also in the "N. C. Presbyterian."

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they are unable to make a satisfactory statement for want of the Treasurer's report, to which they have not had access. It is believed, however, that some progress has been made in this good work, and we think that if our people were thoroughly indoctrinated as to the grace of giving, a much larger amount would be realized; and therefore we would again and earnestly beseech the Ministers, Elders and Deacons to do their whole duty in this important department of Christian effort.

The whole amount for the five different schemes of our Church, from April 1868 to April 1869, was $1326 50, and for the past six months, closing October 1st, 1869, we hope the Treasurer's report, when received, will show some increase. Respectfully submitted.

Rev. N. McKay, D.D., tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge of Buffalo Church, N. C.; whereupon Presbytery resolved to hold an adjourned meeting at said Church the first Wednesday in January 1870, at 12 o'clock M., and ordered the Stated Clerk to cite the congregation of Buffalo to appear by their Commissioners, at said time and place, to show cause, if any they have, why the request of their Pastor should not be granted.

The Minutes of last Saturday, at Sharon Church, were read and approved.

Presbytery took recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

October 16th, 1869.

After recess, Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Buffalo Church, Moore County, N. C., on the first Wednesday in January 1870, at 12 o'clock M. Closed with prayer.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

THE DONALDSON ACADEMY.

CHARTER.

An Act to incorporate the Donaldson Academy and Manual Labor School, in the town of Fayetteville.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That William H. Beatty of Bladen county, Henry Potter of Fayetteville, Colin McIver of Fayetteville, John Smith of Cumberland, John Owen of Bladen, Benjamin Robinson of Fayetteville, Thomas P. Hunt of Wilmington, George McIntosh of Richmond, James Owen of Wilmington, Henry A. Rowland of Fayetteville, Gabriel Holmes of Wilmington, Archibald McQueen of Robeson, George McNeill of Fayetteville, Alexander McIver of Sampson, James H. Hooper of Fayetteville, and William B. Wright of Fayetteville, be and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Trustees of the Donaldson Academy and Manual Labor School," and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and be able and capable in law to sue, plead and be impleaded in all courts, either in law or equity, and shall take, demand and receive and possess all moneys, goods and chattels, and choses in action which may be given to them for the use of the said Academy and Manual Labor School, and the same apply according to the will of the donors when expressed, and without such declarations according to their own judgment; and by purchase or devise to take, hold and possess, to them and their successors forever, any land, rents, tenements and hereditaments of what kind, nature or quality whatsoever, in special trust and confidence, the same with the profits thereof to apply to the use and purposes of endowing and supporting the said Academy; and may purchase and hold, for the purpose aforesaid, all such chattels and personal property as to them shall seem requisite.

Be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to grant, bargain, sell and assure to the purchaser any or all such lands, rents, tenements and hereditaments as aforesaid, when not restrained by the terms of the grant or demise to them.

Be it further enacted, That in case of the death, resignation, refusal to act, or removal from the State, of any of the Trustees for the time being, the Presbytery of Fayetteville shall elect such persons to fill said vacancies as they shall think qualified, not confining themselves in their selections to the members of the Presbyterian Church.

Be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall hold their first meeting in the town of Fayetteville on the fourth Wednesday of January 1833, and shall have their President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such Professors, Tutors and officers in and over the said Academy as to them shall appear proper, and may remove the same for misbehaviour, inability or neglect of duty. They shall have power to make all necessary by-laws and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws and Constitution of the State, for the government of the same.

Be it further enacted, That the said Trustees may and shall locate the said Academy in the town of Fayetteville, or in its vicinity within four miles thereof, and shall cause to be erected all such buildings and improvements for the accommodation of the same as they shall deem advisable and proper. And, for the benefit of all such persons as wish to assist themselves by their own industry in procuring their education, the said Trustees shall be empowered to establish and keep up a Manual Labor Department in the said Academy, which department, as a component part of the institution, shall be conducted on such plan and in such mode as the Board of Trustees shall from time to time adopt; and five Trustees shall be a quorum to transact all manner of business.

Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, this 3d day of Jan'y 1833.

Signed, LOUIS D. HENRY, Speaker House of Commons.
W. D. MOSELY, Speaker of Senate.

BY-LAWS.

Of the Meeting of the Board.—1st. It is recommended that every meeting of the Board be opened and concluded with prayer.

2d. There shall be two semi-annual meetings of the Board, the one meeting on the first Tuesday of March, the other on the first Tuesday of September.

3d. The Executive Committee may, when it shall deem it necessary, call a meeting of the Board, of which meeting and its objects due notice shall be given to the members.

Of Officers.—The officers shall be annually elected by ballot, at the Fall meeting of the Board, and shall continue in office, in case of a failure of the Board to meet, until others are appointed.

Of the Executive Committee.—The Board shall appoint annually, by ballot, an Executive Committee, of three members, a majority of which may form a quorum, whose duty it shall be to carry into execution such measures as may be directed by the Board, and report semi-annually to the same, or oftener if required.

The Treasurer.—The Treasurer shall give bond with security for the faithful performance of his duty, and shall receive two per cent. for all moneys received by him.

The following gentlemen now compose the Board of Trustees: William B. Wright, F. C. Smith, S. T. Hawley, Rev. J. M. Sherwood, Archibald McLean, Joseph Utley, B. Fuller, George W. Williams, Arch'd S. McNeill, Duncan Shaw, David McNeill, W. McL. McKay, Rev. H. G. Hill, John D. Williams, Rev. J. P. McPherson and Milton Rose.

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MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE,

AT THEIR

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH SESSIONS,

HELD AT

BETHESDA CHURCH,

MOORE COUNTY, N. C.,

September 4th—6th,

1872.

FAYETTEVILLE:
N. C. PRESBYTERIAN OFFICE.
1873.

MINUTES.

BETHESDA CHURCH, MOORE COUNTY, N. C.,
September 4th, 1872.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. A. N. Ferguson, from Exodus iii: 2: "And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed."

After sermon, Rev. A. N. Ferguson, the last Moderator present, took the Chair and opened the sessions with prayer.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen, J. H. Coble, H. G. Hill, D. Fairley, A. N. Ferguson and K. M. McIntyre.

RULING-ELDERS PRESENT.

James S. Harrington, Barbecue; Neill Graham, Bethesda: Dr. H. A. McSwain, Bluff; D. M. Sinclair, Euphronia; M. E. Dye, Fayetteville; John McNeill, Laurel Hill; M. McKinnon, Laurinburgh; Duncan Brown, Longstreet; Peter Brown, Lumber Bridge; Alexander McKethan, McPherson's; L. C. McKinnon, Mineral Spring; M. J. McLeod, Mt. Carmel; Neill McLeod, Mt. Pisgah; A. D. Brown, Philadelphus; Dugald Munroe, Sandy Grove; J. T. McKinnon, Sharon, and John G. Hunter, St. Andrew's.

MINISTERS ABSENT.

Neill McKay, D.D., A. McMillan, James McQueen, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, M. McNair and Joseph Evans.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Ashpole, Bethlehem, Bethel, Big Rockfish, Buffalo, Carthage and Union, Centre, Cypress and China Grove, Galatia, Harmony, Iona, Lebanon, Lumberton, Mark's Creek, Macedonia, Mizpeh, Montpelier, Mt. Tabor, Pee Dee, Rockingham, Salem, Sardis, Smyrna, St. Paul's, and Tirza.

MODERATOR AND CLERKS.

Rev. D. D. McBryde was chosen Moderator, and Rev. D. Fairley and M. E. Dye temporary Clerks.

Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—Revs. K. M. McIntyre and M. McQueen, and Neill Graham.

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Revs. H. G. Hill and H. McLean, and Dr. H. A. McSwain.

NARRATIVE TO SYNOD.—Revs. K. M. McIntyre and M. McQueen, and M. McKinnon.

TREASURER *pro tempore.*—M. E. Dye.

The following Churches rendered satisfactory reasons for not being represented at our Spring Sessions, viz: Barbecue, Bethlehem, Cypress and China Grove, Euphronia, Galatia, Laurel Hill, Longstreet, Macedonia, Mt. Pisgah, Pee Dee, Rockingham, Sardis, Sharon, St. Andrew's, and Ben-Salem.

Rev. H. G. Hill rendered a satisfactory reason for absence from our Spring Sessions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The place and time of the next meeting of Presbytery was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning; and Free Conversation on the state of religion the second order.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. M. McQueen, Agent for Foreign Missions, presented his report on that subject, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

More than eighteen hundred years ago the Great Head of the Church issued the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature;" and yet to-day over two-thirds of our race have never heard His name, the only name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved. But God now seems to be moving the hearts of His people to a feeling sense of the obligation resting upon them to obey this injunction, and all His people are increasing their efforts to send the glad tidings of salvation to those who are perishing in ignorance of the truth.

Our own little Church is acting its part in this onward movement. Though it has been but a few years since we sent forth our first missionary, to-day we have thirty six laborers in the field, fourteen regularly ordained missionaries, and twenty-two assistant missionaries and teachers. Of these laborers, twelve are natives of the countries in which they are laboring.

In addition to these twenty-six laborers already in the field, eight or ten more are prepared to go forth and engage in the work as soon as the means are furnished. Surely God is honoring our Church, as well as imposing solemn obligations.

Nor has He called these laborers into His vineyard without inclining the hearts of His people to support them; and this year the contributions of the whole Church were seventy per cent. in advance of any previous year.

Neither has He left them without tokens of His Divine favors. Death has not been permitted to thin their ranks, nor have they been molested by the enemies of the Gospel, and all seem encouraged in their fields of labor.

Among these laborers our Presbytery is represented by Rev. J. H. Colton, a former member, and Mr. M. McCaskill, Ruling-Elder of one of our Churches. who is teaching in Spencer Academy. Thirty-one of our forty-six Churches are reported as giving $480 41 to this cause, leaving fifteen reported as giving nothing. Of these fifteen non-contributing Churches, four are reported vacant, leaving eleven regularly supplied with the Gospel, but give nothing to send it to others.

While no Church should be reported as doing nothing for the cause of Foreign Missions, still we are glad to say the number is smaller than ever it has been; and while the amount contributed by our Presbytery is by far too small, still it is larger than it has been since the close of the war.

Respectfully submitted.

M. McQUEEN.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

The report of the Trustees of Davidson College was read, accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That hereafter the traveling expenses of our Trustees in Davidson College be paid out of the contingent fund of Presbytery.

Rev. David Fairley was elected a Trustee of Davidson College for the term of four years, and Mr. John M. McKinnon, a Ruling-Elder of Centre Church, for the term of three years.

EDUCATION.

Rev. H. McLean, Chairman of the committee of Education, presented his report, which was adopted and is as follows:

The committee of Education respectfully report: That since the licensure of Messrs. L. W. Currie and John McAden Rose you have nine candidates under your care. Four of these, besides Mr. Rose, expect to pursue their studies the next year in the Theological Seminary, one in College, and the others, except one who is studying as his health permits, are teaching school, or will soon commence.

The embarrassment to which our students at College, who need aid, were subjeed tcthe last two years, in consequence of not receiving the full amount of the appropriations granted them, has influenced your committee to consent that those who desire to teach school would do so, at least one year. Appropriations have been asked for two of your candidates, for the next year, amounting to $375 00.

The amount received from this Presbytery by the committee at Richmond, from May 1st, 1871, to May 1st, 1872, was $631 95; and the amount contributed for this cause, as reported by our Treasurer, from April 1st, 1872, up to September 2d, 1872, is $231 59.

The following Churches responded to the special collection for Education ordered by the late session of the General Assembly, viz: Sandy Grove, Galatia, Longstreet, Tirza, Buffalo, Euphronia, Antioch, Lumber Bridge, McPherson's, Big Rockfish, Laurel Hill, Philadelphus, and Sardis—amounting to $144 67.

And now, while necessity compels your committee to limit their requests for appropriations to fewer candidates than formerly, we earnestly appeal to all the Churches to do something for this important cause; and especially would we appeal to those who have been punctual in their contributions not to relax their efforts, but increase them, for the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. Respectfully submitted.

HECTOR McLEAN.

September 4, 1872.

The Stated Clerk read the report of our Presbyterial Treasurer, Mr. C. A. McMillan, which was approved and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The examination of Mr. Wilson James McKay, one of our candidates, was made the third order for to-morrow.

The committee to organize a Church near Col. Alderman's reported that the way did not seem to open yet, and asked to be continued, which was granted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That any candidate for the ministry under our care, who receives pecuniary aid from the Church and afterwards abandons preparation for the ministry for a secular calling, shall be required to refund the amount received, when able, to the Presbytery, and to pay the same to the Chairman of our Education Committee upon application.

REV. HECTOR M'NEILL.

The committee appointed to prepare a Biographical Sketch of the life and labors of Rev. Hector McNeill submitted their report, which was accepted and ordered to be copied in the Biographical Sketch Book, and the resolutions appended were adopted and are as follow:

1st. Resolved, That the Presbytery feel sensibly the loss sustained in the death of this beloved brother. We bow in submission to the will of our heavenly Father, who raised up this brother and gave him to us; while we regard his removal as a call to more faithfulness on our part, and to more earnest prayer for other laborers in the Lord's vineyard.

2. Resolved, We deeply sympathize with the immediate family and friends of our deceased brother. Their loss in indeed heavy. But we confidently commend them to that God and Saviour, who, by His presence, can more than supply the place of husband, father, or brother. May He comfort the stricken ones and enable them to say from the heart, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord."

Malcom C. Lamont, Ruling-Elder from Galatia Church, and A. B. Currie, Ruling-Elder of Ben-Salem Church, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

REV. JOHN M. SHERWOOD.

The committee appointed to prepare a Biographical Sketch of Rev. John M. Sherwood reported, that for want of some facts, which they had been unable to procure as yet, they were not ready to present their report, and asked to be continued, which was granted.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place at half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock,
Sept. 5th, 1873.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. A. McMillan, and Alexander McCaskill, Ruling-Elder from Harmony Church, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

On motion, the first order of the day was postponed, and the second, Free Conversation, was taken up, when verbal reports from the Churches were made.

Rev. D. D. McBryde stated to Presbytery that the arrears due him from Barbecue Church were settled.

Presbytery then took up the third order of the day, when Mr. Wilson James McKay preached his trial sermon, from 1st Cor. 2: 2, which was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial for licensure.

The Latin Exegesis and Critical Exercise of Mr. McKay were ordered to be placed in the hands of the committee on Languages.

Presbytery then took a recess for thirty minutes.

After recess, Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

The committee appointed to visit Bethlehem Church submitted their report, which was adopted and is as follows:

They visited Bethlehem Church, and conferred with its members as to their present condition and future prospects.

1st. The unanimous opinion seems to be, that there is no prospect of Bethlehem ever becoming a self-sustaining Church in its present location.

2. The very general impression is that, under existing circumstances, it must inevitably become extinct.

3. The general impression further seems to be, that if removed to a more central and more suitable location in the vicinity, there would be a reasonable prospect, with the Divine blessing, of building up a Church of much usefulness; and in view of these facts, your committee are of opinion, that Presbytery should recommend Bethlehem Church to remove its Church edifice to such a point as will best answer these ends.

I. H. Rowan, Ruling-Elder from Union Church, appeared in Presbytery and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

The committee on Languages reported, that they had examined the Latin Exegesis and Critical Exercise of Mr. McKay, and recommended that they be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial, which was adopted.

Mr. McKay then read a Lecture or Exposition on Ephesians, 1: 1—7 verses, which was sustained.

He was then examined on Theology, Natural and Revealed, Church History, the Sacraments and Church Government; all of which were sustained.

On motion, all of these were sustained as a whole.

Presbytery then proceeded to license him in due form, as prescribed in our Form of Government, chap. 14, sec. 8, when the Stated Clerk placed in his hands a copy of his liense, properly attested.

THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN.

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. H. G. Hill and unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Fayetteville heartily approve of the effort now being made to raise a capital of $10,000 for the North Carolina Presbyterian; and urge its Ministers and Church officers to use their best efforts to have taken as many $25 shares of stock as possible.

SUSTENTATION.

The Rev. H. G. Hill, Chairman of the Committee of Sustentation, presented his report, which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE.

Your committee would make the following report:

1st. *As to Ministerial Support.*

We have 16 laboring ministers. Of these at least 7 must live, in part, by secular pursuits. Of the remaining 9, as appears from the column appropriated in our annual statistical report to "Pastors' salaries actually paid," many have their stipends irregularly and inadequately paid.

2d. *As to Contributions and Appropriations for Sustentation.*

For the year ending April 1st, 1872, our Churches contributed $386 18. This is an advance of $64, for this object, upon the contributions of the previous year. Since our last report for the five months ending September 1st, 1872, 13 Churches have reported to our Treasurer, for Sustentation, $81 11.

Appropriations for the current year.

For Rev. James McQueen, ministering to St. Andrew's and Mount Pisgah, one-third of the time each,	$150 00
Rev. N. T. Bowden, supplying Harmony Church one Sabbath in the month,	75 00
Whole amount,	$225 00

The first instalment of these appropriations was paid in March last. The second will be paid in October next, when the brethren receiving aid apprise your Committee that they have complied with the Assembly's conditions respecting collections, and preaching upon the grace of giving. Judging from the past annual contributions, we will probably furnish the Assembly's Sustentation fund this year $150, more than we draw from it.

3d. *Contributions to Invalid Fund.*

For the year ending April 1st 1872, our Churches contributed to this fund,	$123 43

This is an increase of about $8 upon the previous year. The appropriations asked for the year ending the 1st of last July amounted to $175, and though they exceeded our contributions to this object by $52, yet they have all been paid by the Assembly's Committee.

For the 5 months ending Sept. 1st, 1872, 8 Churches have reported to our

Treasurer for the Invalid Fund $39 92. No applications for appropriations from this fund have been made since our last report, but they will be forwarded by the 1st of October. Unless our Churches increase their contributions to this object, we cannot ask for as much as in previous years.

4th. *Supplies for vacant Churches.*

During the summer your Committee, as authorized by Presbytery, in connection with the Committee of Education, have caused John M. Rose, Jr., our Licentiate, to be employed at Rockfish Church and the Swamp Station, on a salary of $200 for the four months.

VACANT CHURCHES.

Bethlehem,	1	Sabbath and Sacrament,	D. Fairley.
Ben-Salem,	1	" "	K. M. McIntyre.
Mizpeh,	1	" "	J. H. Coble.
Big Rockfish,	1	" "	H. G. Hill.
Lebanon,	1	" "	Hector McLean.
Swamp Station,	1	" "	D. D. McBryde.

Your Committee also recommend that Presbytery direct our Licentiate, Mr. Lauchlin W. Currie, to labor for the next six months at Bethlehem, Ben-Salem, Lebanon, Big Rockfish and Swamp Station, and that these preaching points be required to contribute to his annual salary of $600, in proportion to the time given them.

Respectfully submitted.

H. G. HILL, Chairman.

PUBLICATION.

Mr. David Fairley, Agent for Publication, submitted his report, which was adopted and is as follows:

Your Agent of Publication would report that $227 have been contributed during the past year—a decrease of $16 from contributions of the previous year.

Your Colporteur, Mr. L. W. Currie, has been much embarrassed in his efforts for want of means to enable him to furnish books. The Presbytery needs a fund of at least $200 as a basis of operation. In view of this—

Resolved, 1. That greater efforts be made by our Pastors and Church Sessions to increase the funds for this object.

Resolved, 2. That the Church Sessions be urged at once, to take up a *special* collection for the establishment of this Colportage fund.

Rev. J. H. Coble, previously appointed to write a historical sketch of Centre Church, reported that he was not prepared to do so, whereupon he was continued.

Rev. Martin McQueen was appointed to prepare a similar sketch of Buffalo Church.

The Commissioners to attend the meeting of the General Assembly in Richmond, Va., in May last, reported that they discharged that duty, which was accepted.

The Committee appointed to revise the Assessment on the Churches in reference to the Presbyterial Fund, submitted their report, which was accepted and laid on the table.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place at half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 6, 1872.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to arrange for the visitation of the Churches, not being prepared to report, were continued.

Rev. A. McMillan and Alex. McCaskill obtained leave of absence.

STATISTICAL REPORT TO SYNOD.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical Report to Synod, which was approved and a copy ordered to be sent to Synod.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully Report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they now consist of 16 Ministers, and have under their care 3 Licentiates, 46 Churches and 9 candidates for the Ministry; that on the 23rd day of November 1871, they lost by death, Rev. Hector McNeill; that on the 6th day of January 1872, they lost by death, Rev. John M. Sherwood; that on the 13th day of April 1872, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. John H. Coble and Centre Church, and declared said Church vacant; that on the 15th day of April 1872, they licensed Mr. Lauchlin W. Currie to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy Ministry; that on the 5th day of June 1872, they licensed Mr. John McAdan Rose to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy Ministry, and that on the 5th day of September 1872, they licensed Mr. Wilson James McKay to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy Ministry.

Respectfully submitted by order of Presbytery.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Bethesda Church, Sept. 6, 1872.

ASSESSMENT.

A committee to revise the Assessment on the Churches, was appointed, consisting of Revs. M. McQueen, and J. H. Coble, and A. D. Brown. This committee had leave to retire.

MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY.

The Committee on the Assembly's Minutes report as follows:

They would direct the attention of Presbytery to the following items in the Assembly's proceedings:

To the Report of the Standing Committee on Sustentation—resolutions 2nd, 3rd and 4th, on page 163.

To the Resolution sending the Revised Book of Discipline down to the Presbyteries for adoption or criticism, on page 164.

To the appointment of the third Thursday in November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer in all our Churches, on page 166.

To the discouragement of Baptism by immersion, on page 167.

To the Report of the Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence—Resolutions 1st Series 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Second Series 1st, on page 168.

To the Report of the Standing Committee on Education—Resolutions 4th and 5th, on page 170. This fifth resolution relates to the observance of the last Thursday of February next, as a day of prayer for youth.

To the Report of the Standing Committee on Sabbath Schools—Resolutions 1st, 2nd and 3rd, on page 174.

Your Committee recommend that the Book of Discipline mentioned on page 164, as sent down to the Presbyteries, be referred to a special committee of three, who shall examine it, discuss its merits if they think proper, through the N. C. Presbyterian, and report to the next meeting of Presbytery.

They furthermore recommend that the other acts and Resolutions of the last Assembly herein specified, be read and explained at an early day to our congregations by all our Ministers.

Respectfully submitted.

H. G. HILL, Chairman.

The Committee on the Revised Book of Discipline was appointed, consisting of Revs. H. G. Hill and H. McLean, and B. Fuller, Esq.

NARRATIVE.

The Committee on the Narrative to Synod submitted their report, which was adopted and a copy ordered to be sent to Synod.

The Committee on the Narrative to Synod report, that the state of Religion n the bounds of Fayetteville Presbytery is indicated by the following facts:

1st. All the Churches enjoy the stated means of grace—two every Sabbath, eleven every two weeks, seven every three weeks and the rest every four weeks.

2d. With two or three exceptions, all the Churches report additions—four, an average of twelve; the rest from one to two. Only one (Buffalo) reports a remarkable outpouring of the Spirit and work of grace.

3d. All the Churches report contributions to the various benevolent objects, though some in small amounts, and all report individual members who cannot be induced to contribute anything.

4th. Most of the Churches report Sabbath schools, Bible classes and prayer meetings, conducted by the Elders and Deacons.

ORDERS ON THE TREASURER.

An order on the Treasurer in favor of Rev. J. P. McPherson for $26, and one in favor of Rev. H. G. Hill for $22, the same being for travelling expenses as Trustees in Union Theo. Seminary, Prince Edward, Va., in May 1872.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Report on Systematic Benevolence for 6 months, ending April 1st, 1872.

Objects.	No. Congregations.	Amount Contributed.
Relief Fund	6	$ 49 30
Education	31	280 50
Sustentation	25	258 59
Publication	19	130 10
Foreign Missions	21	187 28
For 5 months, ending Sept. 1st, 1872.		
Foreign Missions	28	326 22
Education	21	221 59
Publication	17	97 32
Sustentation	11	81 24
Disabled Ministers, &c,	10	46 54
Evangelist Fund	1	12 00
Whole amount contributed in twelve months,		$1,690 68

Included in the above is the special collection for Education ordered by the Assembly, amounting to $144 67, contributed by 13 Churches.

The Historical Sketch of Bethel Church was not reported.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to publish an abstract of our present proceedings in the "North Carolina Presbyterian," and also 300 copies of the Minutes in pamphlet form, as soon as there are funds in hand to pay for the same.

The Stated Clerk was likewise ordered to procure *annually* 25 copies of the Minutes of the General Assembly for our Ministers and Churches.

PLACE AND TIME OF SPRING MEETING.

Big Rockfish Church, Cumberland Co., N. C., was chosen as the place for holding our Spring Sessions, and Thursday before the second Sabbath in April 1873, at 12 M., as the time.

Sandy Grove Church obtained permission to employ Rev. Neill McKay, D.D., one fourth of his time.

REPORT OF TREASURER *pro tem.*

The Treasurer *pro tem.* would report, that he has collected for Presbyterial assessment $18, Invalid fund $41 35, Evangelist fund $24 47, Education $22 75, Foreign Missions $21, Sustentation $3 65. Total, $131 22

Respectfully submitted.

M. E. DYE, Treas. *pro tem.*

Sept. 6, 1872.

This report was accepted, and he was ordered to pay over the funds in his hands to Mr. C. A. McMillan, Treas. of Presbytery.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Presbytery are due to the congregation of Bethesda for their generous hospitality to us during our present Sessions, and that Stated Supply, Rev. K. M. McIntyre, announce the same to them.

ASSESSMENT FOR PRESBYTERIAL FUND.

The Committee to whom was referred the financial condition of Presbytery report, that they have had the subject under consideration, and have reached the following conclusions, viz: Annual Expenses of Presbytery, including the following items:

Salary of Stated Clerk, $50; Stationary, $5; Salary of Treasurer (after this year) $35; Stationary, $5; Commissioners' Fund, $100; Trustees of Davidson College, $30; Directors of Union Theological Seminary, $40; Assessment of Synod, $40; Assessment of General Assembly, $25; Printing of Minutes of Presbytery, $80. Total, $410 00.

The Committee would state that the reduction of the salary of the Stated Clerk was made at his own suggestion.

To raise the above amount, the Committee recommend the following assessments:

Antioch,	$ 12	Lumberton,	$ 8
Ashpole	25	McPherson's	8
Bethel	10	Mark's Creek	2
Barbecue	10	Macedonia	5
Bethlehem	3	Mizpeh	2
Bethesda	10	Mineral Spring	8
Ben Salem	8	Montpelier	5
Bluff	14	Mt. Carmel	4
Big Rockfish	10	Mt. Pisgah	6
Buffalo	25	Mt. Tabor	5
Carthage	12	Pee Dee	10
Centre	20	Philadelphus	10
Cypress	8	Rockingham	3
China Grove	10	Salem	3
Euphronia	10	Sardis	10

Fayetteville	$ 30	Sandy Grove	$ 8
Galatia	12	Sharon	6
Harmony	5	Smyrna	12
Iona	8	St. Paul's	15
Laurel Hill	18	St. Andrew's	6
Laurinburgh	8	Tirza	10
Lebanon	5	Union	20
Long Street	8		
Lumber Bridge	8	Total,	$455 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. McQUEEN, Chairman.

This report was adopted.

Mark's Creek Church obtained leave to employ Rev. A. McMillan one fourth of his time, and Mt. Carmel one half, the salary agreed upon to be reported at next meeting of Presbytery.

The Minutes of this day were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the city of Charlotte, N. C., during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

LECTURE ROOM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 12, 1872.

Presbytery met at the call of the Stated Clerk, the Moderator not being present, when Rev. A. N. Ferguson, the last Moderator present, took the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: *Ministers*—J. P. McPherson, M. McQueen, A. N. Ferguson, H. G. Hill and K. M. McIntyre.

Ruling Elders—W. J. Smith and Duncan Bethune.

There being no business requiring our action, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Big Rockfish Church, Cumberland Co., N. C., Thursday before the second Sabbath in April 1873, at 12 o'clock, M.

Closed with prayer.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Ashpole, $18 87; Antioch, 6 52; Bethel, 3 45; Ben-Salem, 7 35; Bethesda, 9 30; Buffalo, 26 40; Bethlehem, 8 25; China Grove, 6 00; Centre, 34 15; Big Rockfish, 10 31; Galatia, 11 87; Laurel Hill, 10 00; Lumber Bridge, 8 35; Lumberton, 16 75; Long Street, 4 00; Lebanon, 2 20; McPherson's, 12 70; Mt. Pisgah, 5 00; Montpelier, 1 00; Pee Dee, 6 55; Salem, 10 00; Sharon, 2 00; St. Paul's, 11 75; St. Andrew's, 2 00; Sandy Grove, 6 45; Tirza, 4 00; Union, 19 00; Miscellaneous, 62 00. Total.. **$326 22**

EDUCATION.

Ashpole, $12 87; Antioch, 4 60; Buffalo, 14 25; China Grove, 6 00; Centre, 9 50; Euphronia, 16 50; Big Rockfish, 10 34; Galatia, 9 20; Laurel Hill, 6 75; Lumber Bridge, 8 35; Long Street, 8 00; Lebanon, 1 75; McPherson's, 18 42; Montpelier, 1 00; Philadelphus, 8 00; Sardis, 27 61; Smyrna, 5 25; St. Andrew's, 4 00; Sandy Grove, 1 20; Tirza, 20 00; Miscellaneous, 28 00. Total................................ **221 59**

PUBLICATION.

Ashpole, 12 87; Antioch, 4 77; China Grove, 6 00; Centre, 7 50; Galatia, 4 63; Laurel Hill, 21 25; Laurinburgh, 2 50; Long Street, 12 00; Lebanon, 2 25; Montpelier, 1 00; Mineral Spring, 1 80; Mt. Carmel, 1 00; Mark's Creek, 25 cents; Salem, 8 00; St. Paul's, 5 50; St. Andrew's, 2 00; Tirza, 4 00. Total.. **97 32**

SUSTENTATION.

Ashpole, $18 87; Antioch, 5 52; Bluff, 7 00; China Grove, 12 00; Centre, 18 10; Long Street, 4 00; Lebanon, 2 30; Montpelier, 1 00; Mineral Spring, 1 55; St. Andrew's, 2 00; Union, 8 90. Total....... **81 24**

PRESBYTERIAL.

Ashpole, $18 00; Antioch, 10 00; Bethel, 7 45; Ben-Salem, 8 00; Bethesda, 8 00; Bluff, 12 00; Buffalo, 18 00; Carthage, 12 00; Centre, 40 00; Euphronia, 10 00; Big Rockfish, 10 25; Laurel Hill, 15 00; Laurinburgh, 6 00; Lumber Bridge, 5 00; Lumberton, 5 00; Long Street, 6 00; Montpelier, 3 00; Mt. Carmel, 4 00; Mark's Creek, 2 00; Pee Dee, 8 00; Rockingham, 3 00; Sardis, 10 00; Salem, 3 00; Sharon, 5 00; St. Paul's, 12 00; Smyrna, 12 00; St. Andrew's, 5 00; Sandy Grove, 5 00; Tirza, 10 00; Union, 18 00. Total.. **290 70**

DISABLED MINISTERS.

Ashpole, 15 87; Antioch, 5 52; Long Street, 1 48; Macedonia, 1 00; Mt. Carmel, 85 cents; Pee Dee, 5 50; Sharon, 1 80; St. Paul's, 6 75; St. Andrew's, 2 00; Tirza, 5 77. Total.. $46 54

EVANGELIST FUND.

Laurel Hill, 12 00. Total.. 12 00

Whole amount received.. $1,075 61

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR EDUCATION BY ORDER OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Sandy Grove, 1 20; Long Street, 6 00; Galatia, 9 20; Tirza, 20 00; Buffalo, 14 25; Euphronia, 16 50; Philadelphus, 8 00; Antioch, 4 60; Lumber Bridge, 8 35; McPherson's, 11 87; Big Rockfish, 10 34; Laurel Hill, 6 75; Sardis, 27 61. Total, $144 67.

FUNDS ON HAND, SEPT. 1st, 1872.

Education, $95 91; Foreign Missions, 364 70; Presbyterial, overdrawn, 25 79; Sustentation, 154 01; Disabled Ministers, 130 21; Publication, 12 00; Colportage, 25 00.

Remitted since Sept. 2nd.:

Education, $95 91; Sustentation, 154 01; Disabled Ministers, 72 48; Publication, 130 21.

Examined and found correct.

D. A. RAY,
Sept. 3d, 1872. S. T. HAWLEY,
Committee.

CASH BALANCE.

Dr.

Sundries, to-wit:		
Cash on hand as per last report, April 6th, 1872		$ 305 30
Foreign Missions	$ 326 22	
Education	221 59	
Publication	97 32	
Sustentation	81 24	
Presbyterial	290 70	
Disabled Ministers	46 54	
Evangelist	12 00	1075 61
		$1,380 91
To balance		833 72

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By Presbyterial	$361 54
Education	185 65
Cash on hand	833 72
	$1,380 91

C. A. McMILLAN, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TREASURER *pro tem.*, Sept. 6, 1872.

Bluff—Invalid Fund, 11 00; Evangelist Fund, 7 43. Total,	$18 43
Carthage—F. Missions, 7 00; Education, 8 00	15 00
Euphronia—F. Missions, 7	7 00
Harmony—Sustentation, 2 80; Presbyterial, 10 00	12 80
Laurel Hill—Education, 13 00; Invalid, 7 00	20 00
Lumberton—Invalid Fund, 10 00	10 00
Mark's Creek—Education, 1 75	1 75
Mt. Carmel—Sustentation, 85 cents	85
Sardis—F. Missions, 7 00; Invalid, 13 35; Evangelist, 17 04	37 39
Mineral Spring—Presbyterial, 8	8 00
	$131 22

Recapitulation.

Presbyterial Fund	$ 18 00
Invalid Fund	41 35
Evangelist Fund	24 47
Education	22 75
Foreign Missions	21 00
Sustentation	8 65
	$131 22

M. E. DYE, Treas. *pro tem.*

MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE,

AT THEIR

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH SESSIONS,

HELD AT

BIG ROCKFISH CHURCH,

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N. C.,

April 10—12,

1873.

FAYETTEVILLE:
N. C. PRESBYTERIAN OFFICE.
1873.

MINUTES.

Big Rockfish Church,
Cumberland County, N. C.,
April 10th, 1873.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. D. D. McBryde, Moderator, from John xvi: 14, first clause: "He shall glorify me."

After sermon, the Moderator took the Chair and opened the sessions with prayer.

PRESENT:

Ministers.—H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, N. McKay, D.D., D. D. McBryde, James McQueen, Arch. McQueen, J. H. Coble, D. Fairley, M. McNair, A. N. Ferguson, K. M. McIntyre.

Churches Represented.—Antioch, Col. A. McMillan; Ashpole, A. S. Buie; Bethesda, D. C. Blue; Big Rockfish, Dr. D. Sinclair; Centre, John M. McKinnon; Galatia, Duncan Shaw; Iona, Dr. J. D. Brown; Lumber Bridge, Hector McEachern; Lumberton, John A. McAlister; McPherson's, Joseph A. McArthur; Mineral Spring, A McN. Currie; Mt. Pisgah, Dr. J. Small; Sandy Grove, Peter Monroe; Smyrna, Col. A. J. McQueen; St. Paul's, D. Bethune; Tirza, Gen. A. D. McLean.

ABSENT:

Ministers.—A. McMillan, M. McQueen, N. T. Bowden and Joseph Evans.

Churches not Represented.—Barbecue, Bethlehem, Bethel, Ben-Salem, Bluff, Buffalo, Carthage and Union, Cypress and China Grove, Euphronia, Fayetteville, Harmony, Laurel Hill, Laurinburgh, Lebanon, Long-Street, Mark's Creek, Macedonia, Mizpeh, Montpelier, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor, Pee Dee, Rockingham, Salem, Sardis, Sharon and St. Andrew's.

MODERATOR AND CLERKS.

Rev. John H. Coble was chosen Moderator, and Rev. A. McQueen and Duncan Shaw, temporary Clerks.

Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met.

The reading of the Minutes of last Sessions was postponed for the present.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

A communication from the Faculty of Davidson College was read, requesting that hereafter the Trustees in that Institution be elected in the fall;—which required no action, as that is the time we elect Trustees in that Institution.

Rev. Messrs N. McKay, D.D., A. McQueen and M. McNair rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from our fall Sessions.

The following Churches rendered satisfactory reasons for not being represented at our last meeting: Ashpole, Centre, Cypress and China Grove, Montpelier, Smyrna, St. Paul's, Tirza, Salem, Lumberton and Big Rockfish.

Rev. James McQueen rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery.

The following Ruling-Elders appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness and were enrolled, viz: M. N. Campbell, Long Street, and William Warden, Fayetteville.

JAMES A. SMITH.

Mr. James A. Smith, a candidate under our care, was referred to the Committees on Languages and Arts and Sciences, for an examination on his literary course.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The place and time for the next meeting of Presbytery was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

To hear written reports on the State of Religion was made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning.

REV. JOHN M. SHERWOOD.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Biographical Sketch of Rev. John M. Sherwood submitted their report, which was read and accepted, and the resolutions appended thereto adopted, and are as follows:

As expressive of our estimate of brother Sherwood, and of our feelings respecting his decease, we would present the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, In His wise but inscrutable providence, it has pleased God to remove our beloved brother, Rev. John M. Sherwood, from his earthly toils to his eternal rest and reward:

1st. Resolved, That with unfeigned sorrow, humble submission and Christian hope, we bow to this expression of Jehovah's will, comforted by the well-grounded assurance that our departed brother has exchanged the scenes of probation for the realms of glory.

2nd. Resolved, That by this afflictive dispensation, the Church has lost a faithful servant, society an honored member, Religious Journalism an efficient worker, and our Presbytery a brother "highly esteemed in love for his work's sake" and for his rare personal qualities.

3rd. Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved family of our departed brother, our Christian sympathies, and commend them to Him who has promised to be "The Father of the fatherless and the God of the widow."

4th. Resolved, That our Stated Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to brother Sherwood's family.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Reports of the several Committees on Sustentation, Education, &c., be made the third order of the day for to-morrow morning.

UNION SEMINARY.

A communication from the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary, in reference to a change of the time of holding our Spring meetings, was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Stated Clerk presented the Report of our Presbyterial Treasurer, Mr. C. A. McMillan, which was approved and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes. [See Appendix A.]

The appointment of Commissioners to the General Assembly, was made the first order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

The Minutes of the last Sessions of Presbytery at Bethesda Church, and also of the adjourned meeting at Charlotte, N. C., were read.

Maj. John McNeill, Ruling-Elder of Laurel Hill, and J. P. Hodges, Ruling-Elder of Sardis, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—Rev. H. G. Hill and Dr. D. Sinclair.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.—Revs. N. McKay, D.D., and A. N. Ferguson, and Alex. McMillan.

NARRATIVE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Revs. D. D. McBryde and K. M. McIntyre, and John M. McKinnon.

SESSIONAL RECORDS.

Antioch, Ashpole, Barbecue, Bethlehem, Bethel and and Bethesda—Rev. D. Fairley and A. S. Buie.

Ben-Salem, Bluff, Big Rockfish, Buffalo, Carthage, Centre and Cypress—Rev. M. McNair and Dr. J. D. Brown.

China Grove, Euphronia, Fayetteville, Galatia, Harmony, Iona and Laurel Hill—Rev. James McQueen and A McN. Currie.

Laurinburgh, Lebanon, Long Street, Lumber Bridge, Lumberton and McPherson's—Rev. H. McLean and Dr. J. Small.

Mark's Creek, Macedonia, Mizpeh, Mineral Spring, Montpelier and Mt. Carmel—Rev. A. McQueen and D. Bethune.

Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Tabor, Pee Dee, Philadelphus, Rockingham and Salem.—Rev. K. M. McIntyre and Col. A. J. McQueen.

Sardis, Sandy Grove, Sharon, Smyrna, St. Paul's, St. Andrew's, Tirza and Union—M. McQueen and J. A. McArthur.

REVISED BOOK OF DISCIPLINE.

At the request of Rev. H. G. Hill, Chairman of the Committee on the Revised Discipline, Presbytery had an interchange of views on that subject; after which Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at half-past 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Closed with prayer.

BIG ROCKFISH CHURCH, April 11, 1873.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. M. McQueen appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The following Ruling-Elders appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and were enrolled, viz:

A. R. McDonald, Carthage; John McIntyre, Laurinburgh; Daniel McIntyre, Buffalo; G. L. McKay, Bethlehem; Wm. McNair, Salem.

Leave of absence was granted to M. N. Campbell after 12 o'clock to-day, and to A. R. McDonald after this evening.

Mr. John Elliott, Ruling-Elder of China Grove, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Presbytery took up the first order of the day for this morning, when Laurinburgh, Richmond County, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, 1873, at 11 o'clock, A. M., as the time for holding our fall Sessions.

WRITTEN REPORTS.

Presbytery took up the second order of the day, when reports from Church Sessions were read. After the reading had progressed for some time, it was resolved that only the Statistics be read.

Pending these exercises, Rev. Joseph Evans appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. The Moderator appointed him Chairman of the Committee on Religious Exercises.

The Committee on Languages reported that they had examined Mr. James A. Smith on languages, and recommended that this examination be sustained; and also that they had examined Mr. Angus McDonald on Latin and Greek, and recommended that these examinations be sustained, which was adopted.

The Latin Exegesis and Critical Exercise of Mr. Smith, were referred to the Committee on Languages.

It was made the second order of the day for this afternoon, to hear the trial sermon of Mr. James A. Smith.

SUSTENTATION.

Rev. H. G. Hill, Chairman of the Committee of Sustentation, read his report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix. [See Appendix B.]

REV. T. L. DE VEAUX.

Rev. T. L. DeVeaux, of the Presbytery of Florida, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery took a recess for 45 minutes. After recess, Presbytery met and took up the order of the day for this hour.

Rev. Neill McKay, D.D., was appointed as principal, and Rev. K. M. McIntyre, alternate, to the General Assembly at Little Rock.

Gen. A. D. McLean, Ruling-Elder of Tirza Church, was appointed principal, and Mr. Dugald C. McIntyre, Ruling-Elder of Iona Church, alternate.

On motion, the Treasurer of Presbytery was ordered to pay to each of the above Commissioners, Fifty Dollars ($50), and also Twenty-Five Dollars ($25), the assessment of the General Assembly on this Presbytery.

SERMON.

Presbytery then heard the trial sermon of Mr. James A. Smith on the text previously assigned him—1st Cor. i: 18, which was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made their report, which was accepted.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences reported that they had examined Mr. James A. Smith on these subjects, and recommended that it be sustained; and also that they had examined Mr. Angus McDonald, except on Chemistry, and Mental and Moral Philosophy, and that said examination be likewise sustained, which was adopted.

MR. W. M. M'GILVARY.

Mr. W. M. McGilvary, a member of Buffalo Church and a graduate of Davidson College, was introduced to Presbytery as a Candidate for the Holy Ministry. Mr. McGilvary was examined on Experimental Religion and his motives in seeking the Ministry. This examination was approved and he was taken under our care as a candidate, and referred to the Committee on Languages for an examination on his literary studies.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. M. McQueen, Agent for Foreign Missions, read a report on that subject, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix. [See Appendix C.]

EDUCATION.

Rev. H. McLean, Chairman of the Committee on Education, read a report on that subject, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix. [See Appendix D.]

The following resolution appended to that report, was adopted:

Resolved, That it be enjoined on the Sessions of all the Churches within our bounds, to adopt such measures as, in their judgment, will best secure contributions to this cause from all our members.

PUBLICATION.

Rev. D. Fairley, Agent for Publication, read his report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix. [See Appendix E.]

The following resolutions appended thereto were adopted:

1st. That the Sessions be required to lay before their respective congregations, from time to time, its claims to their consideration and regard.

2d. That they inaugurate some system whereby they may be enabled to make additions, at least annually, of our publications to their libraries.

It was further Resolved, That hereafter the Treasurer of Presbytery be ordered to pay over all the monies sent up for Publication, to the endowment fund, until our proportion of that fund is paid.

SUPPLIES.

The Committee of Sustentation recommended the appointment of the following Supplies, by ordained Ministers, till the fall meeting of Presbytery:

Bethlehem, Rev. D. D. McBryde,	1	Sabbath and	Sacrament.
Ben-Salem, Rev. A. N. Ferguson,	1	"	"
Mizpeh, Rev. J. H. Goble,	1	"	"
Tirza, Rev. Neill McKay, D.D.,	1	"	"
Lebanon, Rev. M. McNair,	1	"	"
Bethesda, Rev. M. McQueen,	1	"	"
Lumberton, Rev. A. McQueen,	1	"	"

The following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all our Churches be directed to send contributions to Sustentation and other benevolent objects, to our Presbyterial Treasurer, annually before the middle of March, so that their contributions may appear opposite their names in the statistical reports to the Presbytery and Assembly.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

B. Fuller, Esq., Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath-Schools, submitted his report, which was accepted, ordered to be printed in the Appendix, and a copy to be sent to the General Assembly. [See Appendix F.]

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod report, that they find nothing therein requiring the special attention of Presbytery, which was accepted and the Committee discharged.

REVISED BOOK OF DISCIPLINE.

The Committee appointed to review and report respecting the Revised Discipline sent down by the last General Assembly, would recommend that the following answer be returned to the Assembly:

> The Presbytery of Fayetteville have examined the Revised Discipline, and appreciate the diligent labors of the Assembly's Committee. They find in it many things to approve, and some changes that they can not sanction; yet in the divided state of sentiment in the church in regard to the proposed changes, they deem it best to defer wholesale efforts at revision, and to discharge the revising committee.

This report was adopted and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Leave of absence, after this evening, was granted to Rev. N. McKay, D.D.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

The Committee previously appointed to divide the Presbytery into Districts, with a view to stimulating the people to greater liberality, submitted their report, which was adopted and is as follows:

> The Committee appointed to devise some plan for dividing the Churches of the Presbytery into Districts, to be visited by Committees of Ministers and Elders, for the purpose of increasing the Christian Liberality of our people, would report as follows:
>
> We recommend that the Presbytery be divided into the following 8 Districts, with their corresponding Visiting Committees, of two Ministers each, and that these Ministerial Committees, be directed to associate with themselves, two Elders at discretion:

	CHURCHES.	COMMITTEES.
1st District.	Euphronia, Buffalo, Union, Carthage, Ben-Salem, St. Andrews,	Rev. James McQueen. Rev. M. McQueen, and two Elders.

2nd District.	Salem. Mt. Pisgah, Barbecue, Tirza, China Grove, Cypress.	Rev. N. McKay, D.D., Rev. D. Fairley, and two Elders.
3rd District.	Sardis, Bluff, Bethlehem, Fayetteville, Big Rockfish, Swamp Station,	Rev. H. G. Hill, Rev. D. D. McBryde, and two Elders.
4th District.	Macedonia, Sharon, Pee Dee, Mt. Carmel, Harmony, Mineral Spring,	Rev. K. M. McIntyre, Rev. N. T. Bowden, and two Elders.
5th District.	Galatia, Sandy Grove, Bethesda, McPherson's, Long Street, Bethel,	Rev. J. P. McPherson, Rev. M. McNair, and two Elders.
6th District.	Rockingham, Laurinburgh, Laurel Hill, Smyrna, Mizpeh, Mark's Creek,	Rev. John H. Coble, Rev. Andrew McMillan, and two Elders.
7th District.	Montpelier, Centre, Antioch, Lumber Bridge, St. Paul's, Mt. Tabor,	Rev. Hector McLean, Rev. Joseph Evans, and two Elders.
8th District.	Philadelphus, Lumberton, Lebanon, Iona, Ashpole,	Rev. A. McQueen, Rev. A. N. Ferguson, and two Elders.

Your Committee also recommend, that these Visiting Committees, endeavor to see at least one third of the Churches within their respective districts, during the present year; that they hold for two days, religious services in each congregation; that they urge on each church the adoption of some plan of weekly giving, or of collections every Sabbath they attend worship; and that they report to Presbytery, from time to time, until all our churches have been thus visited.

Respectfully submitted.

H. G. HILL, Chairman.

A petition praying for the organization of a Church at Flat Branch, in Harnett county, was read; whereupon Revs. Hill, McKay, and Ruling-Elder J. P. Hodges, were appointed a committee to visit that neighborhood and organize a Church there, if the way be clear.

NARRATIVE.

The Committee on the Narrative to the General Assembly, made their report, which was adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to that body. It is as follows:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the General Assembly, that our churches are generally in a condition which, while hopeful and indicating gradual growth, is not up to the standard of spiritual life and zeal which should characterize the household of Faith.

There have been three or four instances of the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in the revival of Religion, the additions in one instance numbering 139.

There have been other instances of a work of grace of less magnitude. Of the thirty-two Churches furnishing Reports, all but four report additions, ranging from 1 to 139. The 28 Churches reporting accessions, have added on examination and profession of faith an average of 12 members. Our Churches, though far from the standard of duty in the grace of giving, are learning to give systematically and with increased liberality—they are learning to glorify God with their substance.

The reports from our Churches constrain Presbytery to record its confession of a too general dereliction of duty on the part of its Churches in the important matter of family religion—catechetical instruction and the faithful co-operation of the Church officers in edifying the body of Christ.

Finally, the spiritual condition of our Churches presents cause of humiliation—of more earnest prayer for the out-pouring and presence of the Spirit of God upon all our Ministers, officers and church members—and at the same time calls for devout gratitude for what God has done for us, in giving seasons of refreshing from His presence, and in continuing peace and harmony and some degree of prosperity throughout all our borders.

The Committee appointed to organize a Church near Col. Alderman's, made a verbal report and were continued.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF CENTRE CHURCH.

Rev. J. H. Coble read a Historical Sketch of Centre Church, which was received and ordered to be filed in the office of the Stated Clerk.

The following Sessional Records were approved: Galatia, Euphronia, Laurel Hill, Salem, Sardis, Philadelphus, Buffalo, Carthage, Ashpole, Antioch, Bethel, Union, St. Paul's, Laurinburgh, Lumber Bridge, McPherson's, and Lumberton.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY, April 12, 1873.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Sessional Records of Iona, Mineral Spring, Bluff, Big Rockfish, Centre, Rockingham, Sandy Grove, Bethlehem and Smyrna were approved.

The Committee on Languages reported that they had examined the Latin Exegesis and Critical Exercise of Mr. James A. Smith, and recommended that they be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial, which was adopted.

Leave of absence was granted Revs. A. N. Ferguson and David Fairley, and Maj. John McNeill.

Presbytery then examined Mr. James A. Smith, on Theology—Natural and Revealed, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and the Sacraments.

Pending these examinations, Presbytery took a recess of five minutes, to meet in the Academy.

On motion, the above examinations were all sustained as satisfactory parts of trial for licensure.

Mr. Smith then read a Lecture prepared by an order of Presbytery, which was likewise sustained.

On motion, all these parts of trial were sustained as a whole, and it was made the first order of the day for this afternoon, to license him to preach the Gospel.

The Sessional Records of Fayetteville Church were approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Centre Church, Robeson county, N. C., on the 10th day of July, 1873, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

W. M. M'GILVARY.

The Committees on Languages and Arts and Sciences, reported that they had examined Mr. McGilvary on these branches of study, and recommended that said examinations be approved, which report was adopted.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was instructed to close his report by the 31st of March in each year.

On motion, the annual salary of the Treasurer of Presbytery was fixed at Fifty Dollars.

Presbytery then proceeded to the election of a Treasurer for one year, when Mr. C. A. McMillan was unanimously chosen.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville report to the General Assembly, on the subject of Systematic Benevolence, that for 5 months, ending Sept. 1st, 1872,

28 Churches contributed to	Foreign Missions	$ 326 22
21 " "	Education	221 59
17 " "	Publication	97 32
11 " "	Sustentation	81 24
10 " "	Disabled Ministers, &c.,	46 54
1 " "	Evangelist Fund	12 00
Total contributions for 5 months		$ 784 91

From Sept. 1st, 1872, to April 5th, 1873, that

16 Churches contributed to	Foreign Missions	$ 226 01
30 " "	Education	339 91
16 " "	Publication	140 66
26 " "	Sustentation	284 97
9 " "	Disabled Ministers, &c	116 02
10 " "	Evangelist Fund	82 80
10 " "	Colportage	63 31
Total		$1253 68

This report was approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

was granted to Revs. M. McNair, D. D. McBryde and A. McQueen, and Ruling-Elders James P. Hodges, Dr. D. Sinclair, Col. A. J. McQueen and John Elliott.

SUPPLIES.

Ministers appointed to supply vacant churches reported the general discharge of this duty.

ANNUAL REPORT

to the General Assembly was presented by the Stated Clerk, approved, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to that body. [See Appendix G.]

Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes, to meet in the Church.

After recess Presbytery met.

The following trial pieces were assigned to Mr. Kenneth McDonald:

LATIN EXEGESIS.—"Ne est Christus divinus."
CRITICAL EXERCISE.—Matthew v: 33—38 vs.
LECTURE.—Psalm xxiii.
SERMON.—John iii: 16 v.

Presbytery then took up the order of the day, when

MR. JAMES ALBERT SMITH

was licensed, in due form, as a probationer for the Holy Ministry.

The Stated Clerk presented the

STATISTICAL REPORT

to the General Assembly, which was approved:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the General Assembly that, at present, they consist of 16 Ministers, and have under their care 4 Licentiates, 46 Churches and 8 Candidates for the Ministry; that on the 5th day of June 1872, they licensed Mr. John McAden Rose to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry; that on the 5th day of September 1872, they licensed Mr. Wilson James McKay to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry; that on the 12th day of April 1873, they licensed Mr. James Albert Smith to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry; and that the next regular meeting will be held at Laurinburgh, Richmond county, N. C., October 9th, 1873.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Big Rockfish Church, April 12, 1873.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Presbytery are due to the congregation of Big Rockfish for their generous hospitality during our present Sessions, and that their Stated Supply, Rev. Joseph Evans, be directed to read this resolution from the pulpit.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the Academy.

After recess Presbytery met.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to have published in pamphlet form, 500 copies of the last and present Sessions of Presbytery.

BUFFALO CHURCH.

Rev. M. McQueen read a historical sketch of Buffalo Church, which, at his own request, he was permitted to retain in his hands for the present, to make some further additions.

At the request of Lumberton Church, the following additional supplies were granted, viz: Revs. H. McLean, Joseph Evans and H. G. Hill, each one Sabbath.

Permission was granted to Smyrna Church to employ Rev. A. N. Ferguson as Stated Supply, one half of his time, on a salary of $400 per annum; to Laurinburgh, to employ Rev. J. H. Coble two-thirds of his time, on a salary of $666, and also to Rockingham, to employ him one-third of the time, on a salary of $333; to St. Paul's, to employ Rev. Joseph Evans, once each Sabbath, on a salary of $500, and also to St. Andrews, Mt. Pisgah and Barbecue, to employ Rev. James McQueen, each one third of the time.

Rev. James McQueen was directed to prepare a historical sketch of Barbecue Church.

NEW BOOK OF RECORDS.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was authorized to draw on the Treasurer a sum sufficient to purchase a new Book of Records.

Mr. L. W. Currie made a verbal report as Evangelist and Colporteur, which was accepted.

TREASURER, *pro tem.*

Mr. William Warden, Treasurer *pro tem.*, submitted his report, which was accepted, and he was ordered to pay over the funds in his hands to the Treasurer of Presbytery. [See Appendix G.]

ROCKINGHAM CHURCH.

On motion, the officers of the Church in Rockingham were authorized to consult with the parties interested in Mizpeh Church, and if the way be clear, to sell the church building and appropriate the proceeds to building a house of worship in Rockingham.

Revs. H. G. Hill and J. P. McPherson, were authorized to draw on the Treasurer, as Directors of Union Theological Seminary, each $20.

The Minutes of this day were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Centre Church, Robeson county, N. C., on Thursday, July 10th, 1873, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

A.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Funds collected to April 5th, 1873.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Antioch, $6 72; Bluff, 9 11; Carthage, 7 00; China Grove, 10 28; Cypress, 6 00; Euphronia, 7 00; Fayetteville, 59 25; Laurel Hill, 34 50; Long Street, 8 00; McPherson's, 16 55; Miscellaneous, 3 00; Rockingham, 6 00; Sardis, 25 65; St. Andrew's, 4 00; Smyrna, 6 00; St. Paul's, 16 95. Total........$209 06.

EDUCATION.

Antioch, 11 05; Bluff, 46 35; Bethesda, 2 60; Buffalo, 27 85; Bethel, 10 31; Ben Salem, 4 80; Carthage, 8 00; China Grove, 10 31; Cypress, 6 00; Fayetteville, 52 60; Laurel Hill, 25 00; Lumberton, 8 00; Lumber Bridge, 10 00; Long Street, 5 00; Mark's Creek, 1 75; Mineral Spring, 2 00; McPherson's, 15 00; Macedonia, 3 00; Mt. Pisgah, 5 00; Philadelphus, 8 00; Pee Dee, 5 00; Rockingham, 6 00; Salem, 7 00; Sardis, 15 05; St. Andrew's, 10 00; Smyrna, 6 00; Sandy Grove, 4 60; Sharon, 2 00; St. Paul's, 16 95; Tirza, 7 00. Total, $342 22.

SUSTENTATION.

Antioch, 4 57; Bluff, 20 52; Buffalo, 10 50; Bethesda, 3 00; Bethel, 6 12; Barbecue, 3 00; China Grove, 20 56; Euphronia, 14 25; Fayetteville, 55 97; Galatia, 15 38; Harmony, 2 80; Laurel Hill, 31 75; Lumber Bridge, 9 45; Long Street, 8 00; Lebanon, 6 00; Mt. Carmel, 85 cents; Mineral Spring, 2 00; McPherson's, 8 00; Rackingham, 6 00; Big Rockfish, 4 00; St. Andrew's, 4 00; Smyrna, 6 00; Sandy Grove, 3 75; St. Paul's, 14 64; Tirza, 8 00; Union, 2 50. Total, $299 61.

PUBLICATION.

Antioch, 4 87; Bluff, 13 95; Bethel, 4 55; China Grove, 10 28; Fayetteville, 51 12; Galatia, 5 50; Lumber Bridge, 8 65; Long Street, 2 14; Mark's Creek, 2 80; McPherson's, 9 55; Mt. Pisgah, 8 00; Mt. Tabor, 2 50; Rockingham, 6 00; Big Rockfish, 4 75; Salem, 3 00; Tirza, 3 00. Total, $140 66.

DISABLED MINISTERS.

Antioch, 5 45, Bluff, 17 75; Fayetteville, 46 47; Laurel Hill, 12 00; Lumberton, 10 00; Long Street, 3 00; Mt. Pisgah, 2 00; Rockingham, 6 00; Sardis, 13 35. Total, $116 02.

EVANGELIST.

Antioch, 7 77; Bluff, 12 68; China Grove, 9 87; Galatia, 4 50; Laurel Hill, 10 00; Lumber Bridge, 10 56; McPherson's, 4 08; Mt. Pisgah, 2 00; Philadelphus, 4 30; Sardis, 17 04. Total, $82 80.

COLPORTAGE.

Antioch, 3 65; Bluff, 12 68; Cypress, 7 00; Euphronia, 5 15; Laurel Hill, 11 50; Lumberton, 6 50; Long Street, 12 00; Mineral Spring, 2 12; Philadelphus, 4 30. Total, $63 31.

PRESBYTERIAL.

Antioch, 12 00; Barbecue, 10 00; China Grove, 10 00; Cypress, 5 00; Fayetteville, 30 00; Galatia, 12 00; Lumber Bridge, 8 00; Lebanon, 6 00; Mineral Spring, 8 00. Total, $111 00.

Total collections, ... $1,364 68

Dr.

To cash on hand as per last report, ...$833 72.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED.

Foreign Missions...........	$ 209 06.	
Education	342 22.	
Sustentation, ...	299 61.	
Publication, ...	140 66.	
Disabled Ministers, ...	116 02.	
Evangelist, ...	82 80.	
Colportage, ...	63 31.	
Presbyterial, ...	111 00.	—1364 68.
		2198 40.

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Publication, ...	$130 21
Education, ...	95 91
Sustentation	416 84
Disabled Ministers, ...	181 32
Presbyterial, ...	139 65
Colportage, ...	88 22
F. Missions, ...	476 19
Evangelist, ...	76 68
Cash on hand,......................	593 38
	$2198 40

CASH ON HAND.

F. Missions, 97 57; Disabled Ministers, 7 18; Sustentation, 36 78; Publication, 140 66; Education, 342 22; Colportage, 09; Evangelist, 6 12; Presbyterial (overdrawn) 57 24.

Duly approved by Committee.

B.—SUSTENTATION.

Report of Sustentation Committee to Presbytery for year ending April 1, 1873.

Your Committee would present the following report:

1st. *As to Ministerial Support.*

We have 16 ordained Ministers and 1 Licentiate, preaching the Gospel, 7 of these must live in part by secular pursuits or private means. We have 8 Pastorates that probably are unable to give their Ministers a salary of $800. As appears from the column appropriated in the last annual statistical report to "Pastors' salaries paid," 9 of our Ministers have their stipends irregularly and imperfectly paid. The present average of Ministers' salaries in our Presbytery is about $642. To raise this average to the minimum of $800—fixed by the Assemby—would require about $1825 more than is now raised. We are not aware that there has been any improvement in ministerial support since last year.

2nd. *As to Contributions and Appropriations for Sustentation.*

During the ecclesiastical year, your Treasurer reports 32 Churches as contributing to Sustentation $367 78. This is a reported increase for this object upon the previous year of $20 67.

APPROPRIATIONS ASKED FOR CURRENT YEAR.

For Rev. James McQueen, supplying St. Andrew's and Mt. Pisgah Churches, one third of the time each,	$150 00
Rev. N. T. Bowden, Harmony Church, 1 Sabbath,	50 00
For Evangelist,	100 00
Whole amount asked and granted,	$300 00

The first installment was paid in March; the second is due, under certain conditions, in October next. $50, the first installment appropriated for the Evangelist, is in the hands of the Chairman, awaiting the action of Presbytery as to electing Evangelist for present year.

3rd. *As to Contributions and Appropriations for Invalid Fund.*

Our Treasurer reports, as contributed to this fund during the year by 17 Churches, ... $162 56

This is a decrease in amount reported for this object upon previous year of $33 40

Last October, your Committee asked from this fund the following appropriations:

For Mrs. James McNeill,	$50 00
" Miss Susan Hogshead,	50 00
" Miss Willie Ann Hogshead,	25 00
" Miss Mary R. McAlister,	25 00
Aggregate,	$150 00

These amounts for the year ending 1st of October next, have been fully paid.

4th. *As to Supplies for Vacant Churches.*

Your Committee recommend the election of an Evangelist to supply these Churches, and to preach at promising missionary points within our bounds, at a salary of $600. They furthermore recommend the appointment of the following supplies by ordained Ministers till the fall meeting of Presbytery:

Bethlehem, Rev. D. D. McBryde,	1	Sabbath and	Sacrament.
Ben-Salem, Rev. A. N. Ferguson,	1	"	"
Mizpeh, Rev. J. H. Coble,	1	"	"
Tirza, Rev. Neill McKay, D.D.,	1	"	"
Lebanon, Rev. M. McNair,	1	"	"
Bethesda, Rev. M. McQueen,	1	"	"
Lumberton, Rev. Arch'd McQueen,	1	"	"

C.—REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Agent, in presenting his report, would remark that the growing interest manifested in this cause, and the continual progress it is making, should be a cause of gratitude and encouragement to every friend of his race.

Long-standing barriers to the Gospel are giving way, and all the nations of the earth are throwing their doors open to its Ministers. All branches of the Christian Church are beginning to feel more deeply, the binding obligation of the Saviour's injunction, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." And as so many divisions of one grand army, led on by its great Captain, the Head of the Church, they are preparing for a more extended and vigorous conflict with the powers of darkness. In this onward movement, our division of the great army, though small, is not behind.

Few years ago, we had no Missionary in the Foreign field—to-day we have thirty-three engaged in the work, and others under commission to go, and still others have proffered their services, and will go as soon as the means are provided for their support. Of the laborers already in the field, ten are in South America, eight in China, one in Italy, and fourteen among the different tribes of Indians.

While the liberality of our people has increased till their gifts are greater in their poverty, than they were in their wealth, still it fails to meet the demands, and hence those called of God are often delayed in entering upon their work, for want of means. This should be a powerful stimulant to our liberality. Our own Presbytery is increasing its contributions from year to year. In 1869, we reported $290 44. In 1872, we reported $480 41, and since last April, the Treasurer in Columbia has acknowledged the receipt of $664 50, and in addition to this sum $47 65, contributed to Mission Schools. These sums together make an aggregate of $712 15, contributed to this work—the largest contribution made by our Presbytery since the close of the war, even before its division.

While this is an encouraging fact and a cause of gratitude, still it is sad to state that 16 out of our 46 Churches reported to the last Assembly that they had done nothing for this cause. The blank lines in reports are not silent witnesses against the Church, but they proclaim to the world and to God, dereliction of solemn duty on the part of Minister and people, especially in 8 of these Churches, which are regularly supplied with a preached Gospel.—They proclaim their indifference to the salvation of the perishing heathen. If, as we all profess to believe, it is as much a Christian's duty to worship God with the fruit of his hands, as the fruit of his lips, surely the officers of these Churches do their people a great wrong when they deny them the privilege of worshipping God with their substance. Not only do they wrong their people, but they wrong themselves and they wrong their God.

We do hope that all who are stewards in God's house will make it a matter of conscience to give all their people an opportunity, and urge them to give something to aid in sending the glad tidings of salvation to the perishing heathen.

D.—EDUCATION

The Committee on Education submit the following report:

There are at this time, eight Candidates for the Holy Ministry, under the care of Presbytery, namely: David S. McAlister and James Albert Smith, in the Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.; Kenneth McDonald, in Union Theological Seminary, Prince Edwards, Va.; Dugald Munroe, a graduate of Davidson College, now engaged in teaching school. Angus McDonald, who has completed the Junior year at Davidson, is now teaching school.

Edmond Marshall Munroe, in the Senior class at Davidson College; Daniel A. McRae, in the school of Rev. Malcom McNair, and Alexander Murdoch McKinnon. Mr. McRae's studies have been interrupted more or less for some years by bad health. His health is at present improved. Mr. McKinnon is married, and is engaged in teaching school.

Two of our Candidates are receiving aid from the Committee of Education at Richmond, namely: Kenneth McDonald $200, and E. M. Monroe $175. These sums, appropriated to these young brethren, have been received in part. We hope the whole amount will be promptly paid the Collegiate and Seminary year.

The deficiencies of our Students' appropriations allowed them at Davidson College the last collegiate year, have been paid by the Committee at Richmond.

Two of our Candidates, viz: J. A. Smith and David S. McAlister, are generously provided for at the Seminary in Columbia, S. C.

Contributed for Education since the last meeting of Presbytery: $339 91. Of the 46 Churches in this Presbytery, 30 have contributed to this cause.

E.—PUBLICATION.

It is alike, the pleasure and the duty of your Agent, to report what has been done in our bounds during the past year, for the cause of Publication. Twenty-six of our Churches have contributed $253 70 to this object. We are still behind for the Endowment Fund, $1,900—more, almost by *one thousand dollars* than any other Presbytery in our Church.

Notwithstanding the importance of this branch of the Church's work, and the pressing necessity of the Committee at this time, in order to prosecute their business successfully, there are *twenty of our Churches* (nearly one half) that have done nothing. Experience and observation show that the purest minds need often to be "stirred up by way of remembrance."

What seem to some the plainest and most easily remembered truths, are obscure and most easily forgotten by others.

It is a conceded fact, that it is only by "line upon line and precept upon precept," that the best of human beings are kept in the path of duty.

F.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The report on this subject is so incomplete, owing to the fact that the Churches generally failed to report to the Committee, that we only give the following totals: Teachers 33, Scholars 1530, attendance of Teachers 25, increase of Scholars 13, number of Scholars added to the Church 28, Sabbath School Collections $31 75, contributed for Missionary purposes $57 97.

[NOTE.—The Stated Clerk, by order of Presbytery, will hereafter furnish *blank forms* to all the Churches, which the Sessions are required to fill up by the 1st of April, in each year, and forward to the Chairman of the Sabbath School Committee, B. FULLER, Esq., Fayetteville, N. C.]

G.—ANNUAL REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT T

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports to the General Assembly th

4 Licentiates, and

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	COMMUNICANTS.		
			Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants
Hector McLean, P.	Melrose, Robeson Co., N.C.	Antioch, P.	....	....	134
		Philadelphus, P.	139	....	204
James P. McPherson, S. S.	Laurinburgh,	McPherson's, S. S.	5	1	59
		Galatia, S. S.	6	....	140
		Lumber Bridge, S. S.	1	2	58
Neill McKay, D. D. S. S.	Summerville,	Salem, S. S.	1	1	42
		Tirza, S. S.	3	....	60
		Sandy Grove, S. S.	4	1	[illegible]
A. McMillan, S. S.	Rockingham	Mt. Carmel, S. S.	....	....	[illegible]
		Mark's Creek, S. S.	....	....	[illegible]
D. D. McBryde, P.	Little River Academy,	Bluff, P.	2	....	[illegible]
		Sardis, S. S.	....	....	[illegible]
M. McQueen, P.	Carthage,	Carthage, P.	7	2	120
		Union, P.	5	1	300
James McQueen, S. S.	Swann's Station,	St. Andrew's, S. S.	2	6	92
		Mt. Pisgah, S. S.	3	1	42
		Barbecue, S. S.	6	....	84
N. T. Bowden, S. S.	Bostick's Mills,	Harmony, S. S.	....	....	56
Arch'd McQueen, P.	Shoe Heel,	Ashpole, P.	6	1	287
		Iona, S. S.	8	1	48
John H. Coble, S. S.	Laurinburgh,	Laurinburgh, S. S.	3	2	47
		Rockingham, S. S.	1	....	16
H. G. Hill, P.	Fayetteville,	Fayetteville, P.	8	4	178
David Fairley, P.	Manchester,	China Grove, P.	3	....	82
		Cypress, P.	....	....	72
		Long Street, S. S.	6	....	75
Malcom McNair, P.	Melrose, Robeson Co.,	Bethel, P.	2	....	87
		Montpelier, S. S.	....	....	5
A. N. Ferguson, S. S.	Laurinburgh,	Laurel Hill, S. S.	6	1	185
		Smyrna, S. S	31	....	170
Joseph Evans, S. S.	St. Paul's,	St. Paul's, S. S.	46	....	142
		Big Rockfish, S. S.	17	....	11
		Mt. Tabor, S. S.	12	....	31
K. M. McIntyre, P.	Troy,	Mineral Spring, P.	1	2	130
		Sharon, S. S.	1	1	79
		Pee Dee, S. S.	1	....	22
		Macedonia, S. S.	1	....	45
		Centre, S. S.	3	....	150
		Buffalo, V.	39	1	21
		Euphronia, V.	2	....	94
		Bethesda, V.	....	....	135
		Lumberton, V.	2	1	21
		Bethlehem, S. S.	1	....	12
		Lebanon, V.	....	....	22
		Ben Salem, V.	....	....	126
		Mizpeh, V.	....	....	14
	TOTALS:	46	384	29	4,395

Licensures, 3; Ordinations, none; Installations, none; Pastoral Relati
Churches received from other denominations, none; Churches dismissec
tions, none; Ministers dismissed to other denominations, none; The Rev
since the last report.

Big Rockfish Church, April 12, 1873.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

it consists of 16 Ministers, and has under its care 46 Churches,
Candidates, viz:

AP- SMS		FUNDS COLLECTED.											
Infant	Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible classes.	Sustentation	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Disabled Ministers and widows and orphans of Ministers	Pastors' salaries actually paid	Congregational	Presbyterial	S. S. Collections	Miscellaneous	S. S. Papers	No. of Volumes in S. S. Library.
12	43	$ 8 69	$ 6 72	$12 80	$ 4 87	$ 5 44	$120 00	$ 18 00	$12 00	$ 5 60	$11 97	8	100
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....	30	8 00	29 25	33 42	9 55	......	300 00	39 67	8 00	5 —	4 08	16	100
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dissolved, none; Churches organized, none; Churches dissolved, none;
other denominations, none; Ministers received from other denomina-
.... been removed by death

By order of the Presbytery,

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

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MINUTES

OF THE

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE,

HELD AT

CENTRE CHURCH, ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.

July 10th and 11th, 1873.

AND OF THE REGULAR SESSIONS

HELD AT

LAURINBURGH, RICHMOND COUNTY, N. C.,

October 9th—11th,

1873.

FAYETTEVILLE:
N. C. PRESBYTERIAN OFFICE.
1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Centre Church, Robeson County, N. C.,
July 10th, 1873.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be present:

Ministers—H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, Archibald McQueen, J. H. Coble, H. G. Hill, M. McNair, A. N. Ferguson and Joseph Evans.

Ruling Elders—Antioch, Col. Alexander McMillan; Ashpole, Nathaniel McNair; Centre, John McKinnon, Fayetteville, Col. Wm. McL. McKay; Laurel Hill, Maj. John McNeill; Laurinburgh, John McIntyre; Lumberton, John A. McAllister; Smyrna, Col. A. J. McQueen. Rev. Messrs. Archibald Baker and T. L. DeVeaux, of the Presbytery of Florida, and Rev. Willlam S. Lacy of the Presbytery of Abingdon, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

LETTERS OF DISMISSION.

Regular letters of dismission from the Presbytery of Floriday to this Presbytery for Rev. Messrs. Archibald Baker and T. L. DeVeaux, and a similar letter from the Presbytery of Abingdon for Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, were read, and after the usual examination, these brethren were cordially received as members of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and their names were enrolled.

Whereupon Rev. Archibald Baker was placed on the committee on Theology, Rev. William S. Lacy, on that of Church History, and Rev. T. L. DeVeaux on that of Church Government.

Rev. Joseph Evans introduced to Presbytery Mr. Frank

P. Harrell, a member of Mt. Tabor church, as a candidate for the holy ministry.

He was examined on his experimental acquaintance with Religion and his motives in seeking the ministry, which being sustained, he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

Whereupon, on motion, Mr. Harrell was referred to the committee on Education.

LICENTIATE DISMISSED.

Mr. Wilson James McKay, a licentiate of this Presbytery, was, at his own request, regularly dismissed to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Harmony, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish him with the usual testimonials.

Rev. M. McNair and Mr. John A. McAllister were temporarily added to the committee on Languages.

Big-Rockfish Church and Swamp Station obtained permission to employ Rev. Joseph Evans to preach in the forenoon of every third Sabbath at each place, on a salary at Big-Rockfish of $300., and at the Swamp Station $256. per annum.

Laurel Hill church obtained permission to employ Rev. A. N. Ferguson one half of his time on a salary of $400.

Permission was granted to Buffalo church to employ Rev. William S. Lacy three-fourths of his time on a salary of $750.00.

Permission was granted to Bro. Lacy to supply Euphronia church until next Presbytery, one-fourth of his time, on a salary of $250 per annum.

Presbytery then took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

After recess Presbytery met. The Committee on Languages reported that they had examined Dugald Munroe, David S. McAlister and Daniel A. McRae, on the Latin and Greek languages, and Mr. McAlister on Hebrew, and recommended that these examinations be sustained, which was adopted.

Mr. McAlister was directed to place his Latin Exegesis and critical exercise in the hands of the committee on Languages.

CALL.

A call from Centre Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Archibald Baker for the whole of his time, on a salary of $800 per annum, in quarterly payments, was read, and, being found in order, was placed in his hands.

Bro. Baker having signified his acceptance of this call, Presbytery made the following arrangements for his installation next Saturday, 12th inst., viz:

Rev. H. McLean to preside, propose the constitutional questions and charge the Pastor; Rev. M. McNair preach the sermon, and Rev. A. N. Ferguson charge the people.

The committee on the arts and sciences reported that they had examined Dugald Munroe, David S. McAlister and Daniel A. McRae on these branches of study, and recommended that these examinations be sustained, which was adopted.

Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr. McAlister on Theology, Natural and Revealed, Church History, the Sacraments and Church Government, all of which were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial for Licensure.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST AND COLPORTEUR.

Mr. L. W. Currie, our former Evangelist and Colporteur, presented his report, which was accepted and adopted:

I have preached at Bethlehem church 10 Sabbaths, at Ben-Salem 11, at Lebanon 11, at Mizpeh 2, at Sandy Grove 1, at Big Rockfish 5, and Swamp Station 7.

Money received from these churches—Ben Salem $31 50, Bethlehem $24.00, Lebanon $40.15, Big-Rockfish 38.20, Total	$133 85
Received from Evangelist Fund	76.68
Realized from Colportage	60 00
Received from all sources	$270.53

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

I have sold 800 volumes amounting to	$300.00
Given away to the destitute	40 00
Granted by Committee of Publication	30 00

I have sold 60 copies of Bibles and Testaments purchased with funds furnished by Church in Fayetteville.

Respectfully submitted,

LAUCHLIN W. CURRIE,

Acting Evangelist and Colporteur.

The matter of Bro. Currie's salary was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Joseph Evans and A. N. Ferguson and Maj. John McNeill, who were directed to report to-morrow morning.

It was made the first order of the day for 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow to hear the Lecture of Mr. McAlister, and the second order to hear his sermon.

Mr. Nathaniel McNair obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

CENTRE CHURCH, July 11th, 1873.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

On motion, the Historical Sketch of Centre Church, which was read in Presbytery at Big-Rockfish church last Spring, was returned to Rev. J. H. Coble, at his request, for such examination or correction as he may deem necessary.

On motion a special committee was appointed to re-arrange the examining committees of Presbytery, consisting of Rev. Messrs. H. G. Hill and J. P. McPherson and Col. Wm. McL. McKay, and that said committee report at our fall sessions.

Licentiate L. W. Currie was permitted, at his own request, to labor without our bounds.

The special committee appointed yesterday to make such arrangements as may be necessary to pay a balance still due to our former evangelist, Licentiate L. W. Currie, submitted their report, which was accepted, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to devise means for meeting the deficiency in the salary of our Evangelist, L. W. Currie, for the year April 1872 to April 1873, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That the Presbytery instruct the chairman of the Sustentation committee

to pay Mr. Currie the money in hand, ($50.,) also, when received, the instalment due in October next, ($50.) as remuneration in part for his services of the Evangelist for the first four months of the present year.

2. That in addition to what they have already done, the following assessment be made on churches served by Evangelist, viz: Ben-Salem $75, Bethlehem $30., Lebenon $25., Total $130. And that the supplies granted to these churches employ their most earnest efforts to secure that said churches at once raise these assessments.

3. That to meet the remaining deficiency $100 all the churches of the Presbytery, except those assessed above, take up a collection for this object at their earliest convenience.

4. That said collection and assessment, when taken up, be forwarded as soon as practicable, to the Treasurer of the Presbytery before the next regular meeting of Presbytery at the latest.

5. That said funds be subject to the order of Evangelist.

That the Presbytery Clerk inform Rev. D. D. McBryde of its action in the matter, and he see that it be carried out when fulfilling appointment at Bethlehem.

Also, that Bro. Baker preach at Lebanon some Sabbath before the next meeting of Presbytery, and employ the means to enforce the above action of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH EVANS, Chairman.

Presbytery took up the first order of the day, when Mr. David S. McAlister read a lecture on the passage previously assigned him, which was sustained.

The second order was taken up, when Mr. McAlister preached a sermon on the text previously assigned him, which was also sustained.

The Committee on Languages, reported that they had examined the Latin Exegesis and Critical Exercise of Mr. McAlister, and recommend that they be approved, which was adopted.

On motion, all these parts of trial were sustained, as a whole, as satisfactory.

Presbytery then proceeded to license him, the said David S. McAlister, in due form, to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy Ministry, and the Stated Clerk placed a copy of his license in his hands.

The Stated Clerk was directed to givê Rev. T. L. DeVeaux, Editor N. C. Presbyterian, an order on the Treasurer of Presbytery, Mr. C. A. McMillan, to pay for 500 copies of the Minutes of our sessions at Bethesda church in Sept.

1872, and also at Big-Rockfish church in April, 1873.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery are due and are hereby tendered to the members of Centre Church for the kind hospitality extended by them to this body; and that the pastor elect of the church be directed to read this vote of thanks from the pulpit.

The Minutes of this day were read, corrected and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Laurinburgh, Richmond county, N. C., Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, 1873, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

J. P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST SESSIONS.

LAURINBURG CHURCH, Richmond County, N. C.,
October 9th, 1873.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened, by request, with a sermon by Rev. Joseph Evans, from Philippians IV: 4, "Rejoice in the Lord always: *and* again I say rejoice."

The Moderator, Rev. J. H. Coble, took the chair, and opened the sessions with prayer.

MINISTERS PRESENT:

Hector McLean, J. P. McPherson, Neill McKay, D. D., Archibald Baker, D. D. McBryde, N. T. Bowden, Archibald McQueen, John H. Coble, David Fairley, Malcom McNair, A. N. Ferguson, K. M. McIntyre, Joseph Evans and William S. Lacy.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED:

Ashpole, Nathan T. Alford; Bethesda, Malcom McNeill; Ben-Salem, Kenneth Matheson; Bluff, Walter J. Smith; Big-Rockfish, Lauchlin McDonald; Centre, Archibald A. McLean; Galatia, John D. McNeill; Iona, Dr. P. D. McPhaul; Laurel Hill, D. C. Stewart; Laurinburg, Angus Blue; Lebanon, A. D. Wilkerson; Lumber Bridge, Archibald R. McDonald; McPherson's, D. C. Currie; Mark's Creek, Daniel Currie; Macedonia, Spencer Holtam; Mineral Spring, M. G. McKenzie; Mt. Carmel, J. M. N. Clark; Philadelphus, Archibald McMillan; Rockingham, William T. Brogden; Smyrna, Peter McRae; St. Paul's, John Caldwell; St. Andrews, D. C. Shaw and Union, John B. Black.

MINISTERS ABSENT:

A. McMillan, Martin McQueen, James McQueen, H. G. Hill and T. L. DeVeaux.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Barbecue, Bethlehem, Bethel, Buffalo, China Grove and Cypress, Euphronia, Fayetteville, Harmony, Long Street. Lumberton, Mizpeh, Montpelier, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Tabor, Pee Dee, Salem, Sardis, Sandy Grove, Sharon and Tirza.

MODERATOR AND CLERKS.

Rev. Joseph Evans was chosen Moderator, and Rev. N. T. Bowden and Walter J. Smith temporary clerks.

Presbytery took a recess for 45 minutes.

After recess Presbytery met. The Moderator announced the committee on Religious Exercises, viz: Rev. J. H. Coble, Angus Blue and Archibald McMillan.

Resolved, That the hours of business be fixed from 9½ to 11 in the morning and from 1 P. M. in the evening.

Rev. James McQueen, by letter, assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from our present sessions.

Mr. John McAden Rose, at his own request, was dismissed, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of East Hanover, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish him the usual testimonials.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported in part, which was accepted.

On motion, Presbytery dispensed with the reading of the minutes of our last meeting.

Rev. N. T. Bowden rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from our last sessions.

A written request from the Session of Euphronia Church for the services of Rev. William S. Lacy, one-fourth of his time on a salary of $250, per annum, was read and granted.

Place and time of next meeting was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning, and reports from church Sessions on the State of religion the second order.

EDUCATION.

The committee on Education presented their report, which was accepted, and on a motion to adopt, said report was discussed, and then laid on the table for the present, to enable the committee to fill a blank.

The committee to organize a church near Col. Alderman's. made a verbal report and were continued.

Historical sketches of Centre, Bethel, Buffalo and Barbecue were called for; but the respective writers were not ready to report.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at half past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning Closed with prayer.

LAURINBURGH, N. C., October 10th, 1873.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. A. McMillan appeared in Presbytery, and rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from last meeting, and tardiness at the present.

Malcom N. Campbell, Ruling Elder of Long-Street church, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The first order of the day, viz: the place and time of next meeting, was taken up, when Ashpole Church, Robeson county, N. C., was chosen as the place, and the time, Thursday before the second Sabbath in April, 1874, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Moderator announced, as the committee on the Narrative to Synod, Rev. Messrs. A. McQueen and D. D. McBryde, and A. A. McLean.

Presbytery then took up the second order of the day, when verbal reports from the churches were made. Pending these exercises Rev. Messrs. H. G. Hill and T. L. DeVeaux appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery took a recess for 45 minutes.

After recess Presbytery met. Philip McRae, Ruling Elder of Bethel church, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, after which the unfinished business, Free Conversation, was resumed and completed.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. C. A. McMillan, was read and approved and ordered to be printed in the appendix. (See Appendix A.)

EDUCATION.

The report of the committee on Education was again read, and then adopted and ordered to be printed in the appendix. (See appendix B.)

Rev. E. H. Buist, of the Presbytery of Harmony, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Dr. J. W. McKay, Ruling Elder of Salem Church, appeared, assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and his name was enrolled.

The name of Alexander M. McKinnon was stricken from the roll of candidates for the ministry, on account of ill health, without prejudice and by his consent.

Rev. Neill McKay, D. D., our clerical commissioner to the last General Assembly, reported that he attended the sessions of that body; and also, that Gen. A. D. McLean was present.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to give to Gen. A. D. McLean, one of our commissioners to the General Assembly, an order on the Treasurer for $50, the same being supplementary to the amount previously paid; and also an order on the Treasurer to Rev. Neill McKay, D. D., for $5, which amount he advanced for the Presbytery while at the Assembly to meet the assessment placed on us by that body.

Rev. Messrs. N. McKay, D. D. and David Fairley, and A. D. Wilkinson were appointed a committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

A paper in reference to the operations of certain committees was read, and after discussion was laid on the table for the present, and afterwards was taken up and referred to the following committee, to report thereon to-morrow, viz: Rev. Messrs. N. McKay, D. D., D. D. McBryde and Archibald Baker.

Mr. John A. McAlister, Ruling Elder of Lumberton church, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED.

The committee appointed to organize a church at Flat Branch, in Harnett county, would report, that they performed that duty. They organized a church called "Flat Branch," by receiving 23 members to be dismissed as follows, 10 from Barbecue, 8 from China Grove and 5 from Tirza church. They also ordained and installed as Elders, Daniel Morrison and Allen Shaw; as Deacons, Angus Shaw and John M. Morrison.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. HILL, CHAIRMAN.

Allen Shaw, Ruling Elder of the above church, being present, was enrolled, and the church was assessed three dollars ($$) on the Presbyterial Fund.

INSTALLATION.

The committee appointed to install Rev. Archibald Baker Pastor of Centre Church, reported that they performed that duty on the 12th day of July 1873.

The committee appointed to re-arrange the committees of examination, reported, which was adopted.

The committee appointed to re-arrange the Presbyterial Examining committees would report, as follows:

They recommend that eight examining committees be constituted by placing on them the following brethren:

On Primary English—Joseph Evans and James McQueen.
Natural Science—Arch'd McQueen, McMillan and A. N. Ferguson.
Moral Science—McKay and McIntyre.
Greek and Latin—M. McQueen, Bowden and Lacy.
Hebrew—Baker, McNair and McBryde.
Theology—Coble and McLean.
Ecclesiastical History—DeVeaux and Hill.
Church Government and Sacraments—McPherson and Fairley.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. HILL, CHAIRMAN.

L. W. CURRIE.

Mr. Lauchlin W. Currie, a licentiate, was dismissed, at his own request, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Montgomery, and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with the usual testimonials.

Walter J. Smith was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

The committee on Religious Exercises reported in part, which was accepted.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

LAURINBURGH, N. C., October 11th, 1873.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following committee on leave of absence was appointed: Rev. Messrs. D. D. McBryde, H. G. Hill and A. McQueen.

The officers of the M. E. Church at Caledonia tendered to Presbytery the use of their church on the Sabbath. This courtesy was duly acknowledged, and the matter referred to the committee on Religious Exercises.

The time appointed to hold our Spring sessions was, on motion, re-considered, and Wednesday before the third Sabbath in April, 1873 was fixed as the time.

STATISTICAL REPORT TO SYNOD.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical report to Synod, which was read and approved, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod :

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that, at present, they consist of 19 Ministers and have under their care two Licentiates, 47 churches and 7 candidates for the ministry ; that on the 12th day of April, 1873, they licensed Mr. James Albert Smith to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry ; that on the 10th day of July, 1873, they received Rev. Archibald Baker by letter from the Presbytery of Florida, that on the same day they received Rev. T. L. DeVeaux, by letter from the same Presbytery; that on the same day they received Rev. William S. Lacy by letter from the Presbytery of Abingdon ; that on the 11th day of July, 1873, they licensed Mr. David S. McAlister to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry ; that on the 12th day of July, 1873, they installed Rev. Archibald Baker pastor of Centre Church ; that on the 9th day of October, 1873, they dismissed Mr. John McAden Rose, a licentiate under our care, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of East Hanover ; that on the 10th day of October, 1873, they received under their care the recently organized Church of Flat Branch, and on the same day, they dismissed Mr. Lauchlin W. Currie, a licentiate under our care, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Montgomery; and that the next meeting of our Presbytery will be held at Ashpole Church, Robeson county, N. C., on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in April, 1874, at 11, o'clock, A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 11th, 1873. J. P. McPHERSON, STATED CLERK.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina on Systematic Benevolence, that from September 1st, 1872, to April 15th, 1873,

16	churches	contributed to	Foreign Missions	$226 01
30	"	"	" Education	339 91
16	"	"	" Publication	140 66
26	"	"	" Sustentation	284 97
9	"	"	" Disabled Ministers, &c	116 02
10	"	"	" Evangelist Fund	82 80
10	"	"	" Colportage "	63 31
			Total during that period	$1253 68

From April 15th, 1873, to October 1st, 1873,

30	churches	contributed to	Foreign Missions	$375 67
12	"	"	" Education	98 18
18	"	"	" Sustentation	178 53
20	"	"	" Publication	177 43
19	"	"	" Disabled Ministers, &c.	148 14
5	"	"	" General Evangelist Fund,	23 23
6	"	"	" Special to same Fund,	53 63
			Total during that period	$1054 81
			Total for the whole year	$2307 49

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 11th, 1873. J. P. McPHERSON, Chairman,

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly report—That they find nothing in said Minutes demanding the especial attention of Presbytery, except the action of the Assembly in reference to the different schemes of christian benevolence, which is brought to the notice of Presbytery by the reports of the Presbyterial committees, and answer to overture No. 11 page 312, respecting the dismission of church members, both communing and non communing, which injunction Presbytery enforces on the church sessions under its care.

Respectfully submitted,

NEILL McKAY, Chairman.

The special committee, to whom was referred the paper presented on yesterday in reference to the Presbyterial committees of Education and Sustentation, submitted their report, which was accepted and laid on the table to be taken up at the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

SUSTENTATION.

Rev. H. G. Hill, chairman of the committee on Sustentation, presented his report, which was accepted, and after some discussion, Presbytery took a recess until 1 o'clock,

P. M., after hearing the report of the committee on religious exercises.

After recess Presbytery met.

Supplies to vacant churches reported, when it appeared that these appointments had been generally filled, and also that the injunction of last Presbytery in regard to Publication had been generally complied with.

The report of the Sustentation committee was resumed. The report was ordered to be printed in the appendix—(see appendix C.,) and the resolutions were adopted *seriatim*—

1*st*. *Resolved,* That all our churches, which have not contributed to meet our debt to our former Evangelist, L. W. Currie, be instructed to forward their collections to our Treasurer as soon as possible.

2*nd*. *Resolved,* That our churches be directed hereafter to take up separate collections for the Assembly's Sustentation and Evangelistic work, and that an account be kept for each of these funds by our Treasurer.

3*rd*, *Resolved,* That the Presbytery recommend to the churches under its care, the taking up of collections for church objects every Sabbath that they have worship.

4*th*. *Resolved,* That the Presbytery recommend to the private christians and pious households within our bounds, the dedication of *at least* one tenth of their annual incomes to God's service, in helping the poor, supporting the Gospel at home, and spreading it throughout the world.

PUBLICATION.

The report of the agent of Publication, Rev. D. Fairly, was accepted and ordered to be printed in the appendix, (see appendix D.,) and the resolution adopted.

Resolved, That we direct all our Ministers and Sessions to take up a special collection for this cause, on the 1st Sabbath in December next, or as near therto as practicable, and that the necessities of the committee, and the importance of the cause be fully set before our people.

NARRATIVE.

The report of the committee on the Narrative was adopted and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

The committee on the Narrative would respectfully report, That general peace, harmony and some degree of prosperity prevail throughout our churches.

Their reports indicate a gradual growth in spiritual life, zeal and interest, and in several instances, marked out-pourings of the Holy Spirit, in revivals of Religion, have been enjoyed, and additions to the membership made, ranging from one to one hundred and seven.

Upon the subject of Sabbath Schools, and the catechetical instruction of the young and rising generation, a new interest seems to be awakened, and decided progress has been made in most of the churches, both in numbers, and in efficiency of management.

The christian duty of worshipping God with our substance as well as with our lips, is fast developing itself in systematic giving, and with increased liberality, to most of the objects of christian benevolence.

And while our churches are far from having attained to their full measure of duty, either in material or spiritual life and prosperity—and while there is much to mourn over as short-comings and unfaithfulness, on the part of ministers, sessions and churches—still there is much in our condition at present, to encourage, to stimulate, and to comfort the hearts of God's people, and to cause them to go forward in the more faithful discharge of all our christian duties.

Respectfully submitted.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Presbytery are due, and are hereby tendered, to the congregation of Laurinburgh and the community, for their generous hospitality to the members of Presbytery, during our present sessions; and that their Stated Supply, Rev. J. H. Coble, communicate this action to the people.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

The committee reported that they had granted leave of absence to John A. McAlister after 10 o'clock, Rev. N. T. Bowden, Rev. Neill McKay, D. D., after 4 P. M., Rev. H. McLean, Rev. M. McNair, Dr. McPhaul, Dr. McKay, Allen Shaw, D. C. Shaw, Rev. K. M. McIntyre, J. B. Black, J. D. McNeill, Spencer Holtum, and Philip McRae, which was approved.

Rev. J. H. Coble reported, that in the matter of Mizpeh church building, nothing could be done.

On motion, it was made the duty of committees to visit groups of churches to report at the spring meeting of Presbytery.

It was recommended to all our ministers and churches to observe the day of prayer appointed by the General Assembly.

Rev. D. D. McBryde was re-elected a Trustee of Davidson College for 4 years.

The Treasurer *pro tem* reported, and he was ordered to pay over the funds in his hands to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

Several churches reported, that they had taken up special collections for the Evangelist's salary.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

The Stated Clerk read the report of the Trustees of Davidson College, which was ordered to be placed on file.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to have printed 300 copies of our present Minutes.

The minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in the city of Wilmington, N. C., during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

J. P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX A.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Ashpole, $25 00 ; Bethel, 3 55 ; Bluff, 21 13 ; Big Rockfish, 17 00 ; Buffalo, 42 55 ; Carthage, 10 ; Centre, 40 75 ; China Grove, 5 95 ; Euphronia, 10 25 ; Fayetteville, 26 ; Galatia, 10 90 ; Iona, 1 : Laurel Hill, 25 80 ; Laurinburgh, 10 50 ; Lumberton, 5 ; Lumber-Bridge, 7 60 ; Macedonia, 3 50 ; Montpelier, 2 ; Mineral Spring, 4 54 ; McPherson's 21 ; Mt. Tabor, 4 ; Pee Dee, 7 30 ; Philadelphus, 8 45 ; St. Andrews, 2 ; Sharon, 3 20 ; Salem, 10 ; Smyrna, 9 70 ; St. Paul's, 20 ; Tirza, 5 ; Union, 12 ; Total, $375 67

EDUCATION.

Ashpole, $12 ; Carthage, 8 ; Centre, 11 10 ; China Grove, 5 95 ; Fayetteville, 27 04 ; Iona, 1 ; Laurinburgh, 9 17 ; Montpelier, 2 ; St. Andrews, 2 35 ; Sharon 2 40 ; Sardis, 8 07 ; Smyrna, 9 10 ; Total, $98 18

SUSTENTATION.

Ashpole, $22 ; Bethesda, 2 80 ; Cypress, 6 14 ; Carthage, 10 ; Centre, 31 50 ; China Grove, 11 90 ; Fayetteville, 28 86 ; Harmony, 3 35 ; Iona, 1 ; Long Street, 4 ; Laurinburgh, 11 50 ; Lumberton, 5 ; Montpelier, 1 ; Pee Dee, 3 30 ; Philadelphus, 1 15 ; St. Andrews, 4 ; Sardis, 19 03 ; Union, 12 ; Total $178 53

PUBLICATION.

Ashpole, $7 ; Bethlehem, 6 ; Bethesda, 2 85 ; Carthage, 10 ; Centre, 13 75 ; China Grove, 5 95 ; Fayetteville, 25 22 ; Iona, 1 ; Long-Street, 4 ; Laurel Hill, 37 50 ; Laurinburgh, 5 96 ; Lumberton, 2 50 ; Montpelier, **1** ; Philadelphus 65 cents ; Pee Dee, 3 30 ; Sharon, 1 50 ; Sardis, 12 75 ; Smyrna, 7 50 ; St. Paul's, 10 10 ; Union, 18 90, Total **$177 43**

DISABLED MINISTERS &C.

Bethel, $4 05 ; Big-Rockfish, 10 ; Buffalo, 11 70 ; Carthage, 10 ; Fayetteville, 23 84 ; Galatia, 6 55 ; Ionia, 1 ; Laurel Hill, 15 ; Laurinburgh, 7 05 ; Macedonia, 1 50 ; McPherson's, 4 75 ; Pee Dee, 5 ; Philadelphus, 4 ; Sandy Grove, 1 85 ; Sharon, 1 60 ; Smyrna, 7 ; St. Paul's, 13 ; Tirza, 5 ; Union, 15 25, Total $148.14

PRESBYTERIAL.

Ashpole, $25 ; Bethel, 10 ; Bethlehem, 3 ; Barbecue, 10 ; Bluff, 14 ; Big Rockfish, 10 ; Buffalo, 25 ; Carthage, 12 ; Centre 20 ; Euphronia, 10 ; Fayetteville, 30 ; Harmony, 5 ; Long-Street, 8 ; Laurel Hill, 18 ; Laurinburgh, 8 ; Lumberton, 8 ; Macedonia, 6 ; Montpelier, 5 ; Mt. Pisgah, 6 ; Mt. Tabor, 3 ; Pee Dee, 10 ; Philadelphus, 10 ; Rockingham, 3 ; St. Andrews, 6 ; Salem, 3 ; Sardis, 10 ; Smyrna, 12 ; St. Paul's 15 ; Tirza, 6 ; Union, 20, Total $331 00

EVANGELIST WORK—GENERAL.

Buffalo, $12 10 ; Galatia, 5 05 ; Philadelphus, 50 cents ; Sandy Grove, 3 58 ; Tirza, 2 Total $23 23

EVANGELIST WORK—SPECIAL COLLECTION.

Buffalo, $23 28 ; Galatia, 4 75 ; Laurel Hill. 9 45 ; Lumber-Bridge, 7 80 ; McPherson's, 4 80 ; Smyrna 3 55 ; Total $53 63

Total collections, $1385 81.

CASH ON HAND.

Foreign Missions	$473 24
Education	98 18
Publication	15 50
Sustentation	215 31
Disabled Ministers, &c.	155 32
Colportage	09
Evangelist—Regular Collections	29 35
do for L. W. Currie	53 63
Presbyterial Fund overdrawn	82 18

CASH BALANCE, OCTOBER 1ST, 1873.

Dr.	Cash on hand April 6, 1873,	$593 38	Contra	Cr.
	Sundries	1385 81	By Presbyterial	$355 94
		$1979 19	Foreign Missions	342 22
	Cash on hand Oct. 1st 1873	978 44	Publication	302 59
			Balance on hand, Oct. 1st, 1873	978 44
				$1,979 19

C. A. McMILLAN, Treasurer.

Examined and approved by auditing committee.

APPENDIX B.

EDUCATION.

The committee of Education respectfully submit to Presbytery, the following report:

Since the license to preach the Gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy ministry of Messrs. James A. Smith and David S. McAlister, who are still prosecuting their studies in the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, S. C., you have now eight candidates under your care, viz: Kenneth and Angus McDonald, Dugald Munroe and W. M. McGilvary, who are now pursuing their studies in Union Theological Seminary, Va., Daniel A. McRae has recently entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., E. Marshall Munroe is teaching school, Frank P. Harrill is at Davidson College, and A. M. McKinnon is, at present, engaged as a clerk in a store.

Appropriations have been granted by the committee at Richmond, Va., to two of our candidates at Union Theological Seminary, and to one at Davidson College.

Your committee have recently asked for an appropriation for one of our students who is now in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, which, if granted, will make the appropriations $775. for the present Theological and Collegiate year.

This amount is absolutely necessary to aid our dependent young men in sustaining themselves this year in the prosecution of their studies. The appeal, therefore, comes loudly and urgently to the constituted authorities of this Presbytery and their respective charges to endeavor to raise, not only this sum, but even more than this, that we may aid others. If each of our 4,395 communicants would contribute about 17½ cents, or if each of our 46 churches would give about $17.30, the amount to sustain our own candidates would be secured, and there would be a small balance left. But surely many of our larger churches, and many of our communicants, whom God has blessed with means, will consider it a privilege to do more than this for a cause so identified with the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom here, and whose necessities now are so urgent.

The Presbyterial statistics from April 1872 to April 1873 show that $494 59 were contributed by 35 churches, while 11 of our churches report no contributions for this important object. From your Treasurer's report we learn that $98 18 have been contributed since your last meeting.

HECTOR McLEAN, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

SUSTENTATION.

Your Sustentation committee would report for the 6 months ending October 1st, 1873, as follows:

1st, AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUSTENTATION.

For the period indicated your Treasurer reports 18 churches as contributing to Sustentation $178 53. Compared with the corresponding 5 months in 1872, this shows an increase of 5 contributing churches and of $97 42.

THE APPROPRIATIONS ASKED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

These the same as stated in last report.

For Rev. James McQueen supplying St. Andrews and Mt. Pisgah one third of the time each	$150 00
For Rev. N. T. Bowden supplying Harmony church one Sabbath per month	50 00
For L. W. Currie as Evangelist	100 00
Whole amount	$300 00

The first installment of their appropriations was paid Bros. McQueen and Bowden in March last. The second will be due in October, when they have informed your chairman of this committee respecting their compliance with the Assembly's rules. The first installment asked for Evangelist has been paid by order of Presbytery to our Licentiate L. W. Currie. The second has not yet been received.

2ND, AS TO OUR INDEBTEDNESS TO L. W. CURRIE, OUR EVANGELIST FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1ST, 1873.

At a meeting of Presbytery in July last, it appears, that after paying him the appropriation of $100, asked for Evangelist from the Assembly's committee, the Presbytery would owe Bro. Currie a balance of $230 00. To meet this deficiency in salary, Ben-Salem church was assessed $75, Lebanon church $25, Bethlehem church $30, other churches were directed to contribute by fall Presbytery $100,—making $230 00

Bro. Currie informs me that Ben-Salem church has paid him since last Presbytery $23. Your Treasurer reports 7 other churches as having contributed to this deficiency $63 63, making $86 63. Balance and uncollected for Bro. Currie October 1st, 1873, $143 37

3RD, AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR INVALID FUND.

The Treasurer reports as contributed to this fund for 6 months, ending Oct. 1st, 1873 by 19 churches, $148 14., Compared with the corresponding period of

5 months last year, this shows an increase of 11 contributing churches and of $108 22.

APPROPRIATIONS ASKED FOR ENSUING YEAR FROM OCTOBER 1ST, 1873.

For Mrs. John M. Sherwood $50, Miss Susan Hogshead $25; whole amount asked, but not yet granted, $75.

4TH, AS TO SUPPLIES FOR VACANT CHURCHES.

Your committee recommend the following supplies by ordained ministers till Spring meeting of Presbytery:

Bethlehem—Joseph Evans, one Sabbath and Sacrament.

Ben-Salem—Martin McQueen, one Sabbath and Sacrament.

Mizpeh—A. McMillan, one Sabbath and Sacrament.

Tirza—Neill McKay, at discretion.

Lebanon—Archibald Baker at discretion.

Bethesda—M. McNair, " "

Lumberton—Fairly, McLean, Ferguson, Baker, and Hill 1 Sabbath, and Archibald McQueen one Sabbath and Sacrament.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF TREASURER PRO TEM.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Sharon, $3 25; Sardis, $28 73, Total $31 98

SUSTENTATION.

Euphronia $5 15; Mt. Carmel $1, Total $6 15

EDUCATION.

Pee Dee $5; Laurel Hill, $20; Smyrna, $10; Mt. Carmel, 1; Total, 36 00

DISABLED MINISTERS.

Mt. Tabor, $3; Bluff, $5 82; Sharon, $2; Sardis $12 46; Total, 23 28

EVANGELIST.

Swamp, $25; St. Paul's, 10; Mt. Tabor, 2; Sharon, 1 75; Macedonia, 1; Pee Dee, 2 50; Lumber-Bridge, 4; Sardis, 28 71; L. Hill, 21 55; Smyrna, 5 15; Ben-Salem, 23 25; Euphronia, 9 20; Total, $134 11

PRESBYTERIAL.

Marks' Creek, $2; Bluff, 5 90; Ben-Salem, 8; Mt. Carmel, 4, Total, 19 90

PUBLICATION.

Sardis, $4 50

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Lecture Room, 1st Presbyterian Church,
Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 30th, 1873.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator and was opened with prayer. Present—Ministers: H. McLean, J. P. McPherson, N. McKay, D. D., Archibald Baker, A. McMillan, D. Fairley, M. McNair, A. N. Ferguson, D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen and Joseph Evans. Ruling Elders, A. McKethan, McPherson's.

Trial pieces were assigned to the following brethren:

FOR W. M. MCGILVARY:

Latin Exegesis—"Qui ecclesiam veram Christi constituit?"

Critical Exercise—Hebrews vii. 1—4 verses.

Lecture—Psalm 1st. Popular Sermon, 1st Cor. vi: 20 verse.

FOR DUGALD MUNROE.

Latin Exegesis—"An Providentia Divina Extendat se ad omnia?"

Critical Exercise—Psalm 49, 12—15 verses.

Lecture—23rd Psalm. Popular sermon, John 3: 14–15 verses.

FOR DANIEL A. MCRAE.

Latin Exegesis—"An Purgatorium?"

Critical Exercise—Galatians 5: 19–21st verses.

Lecture—15th Psalm. Popular sermon 1st Peter, 1st: 23d verse.

FOR ANGUS MCDONALD.

Latin Exegesis—"An anima naturaliter immortalis sit?"

Critical Exercise—Romans xi: 7–10 verses.

Lecture—125th Psalm.

Popular Sermon—Romans 5: 1st verse.

Rev. M. McQueen assigned a satisfactory reason for abnce from last meeting of Presbytery.

He also resigned his Trusteeship in Davidson College, and Rev. Archibald Baker was appointed in his place.

He again returned to Presbytery the Historical Sketch of Buffalo church, with additional information.

He also read his report on Foreign Missions, which was accepted and ordered to be published in the appendix.

Presbytery took a recess, to meet at the call of the Moderator.

OCTOBER 31st, 1873.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

Mr. James A. Smith, a Licentiate, was dismissed, at his own request, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Savannah, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to give him the usual testimonials.

Presbytery took recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

NOVEMBER 1st, 1873.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. The Minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Ashpole church, Robeson county, N. C., Wednesday before the 3rd Sabbath in April, 1874, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

J. P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Every friend of the Redeemer's kingdom rejoices to see the progress it is making in extending itself over the nations of the earth. Zion seems to be engaging in the great work of evangelizing the world with renewed energy and zeal. Our own Church is making rapid progress in this world. In less than a decade, she has, under God, sent forth twenty-one regularly ordained missionaries, and more than thirty assistant missionaries; in all, over fifty laborers into the Foreign field.

Her contributions have increased from two thousand dollars in 1866 to nearly fifty thousand in 1873, and she continues to send forth more laborers into the field, and to establish new stations. But recently three missionaries sailed for China, and our committee took charge of the mission in Greece, and soon expects to establish a mission in Northern Mexico. While these things are causes of great rejoicing, there are two facts over which we should mourn.

1st. The aggregate contributions of the church last year fell short of their contributions the previous year over $5.00.

The 2nd fact is, that out of our 1,505 churches, only 690 contributed to this cause; leaving 815 which gave nothing,—20 more non-contributing churches than there was the previous year. While these facts are deplored by every lover of our Zion, still it is gratifying to us to know, that our Presbytery has not declined in either of these particulars, but, on the contrary, it has continued to advance.

A year ago, our churches reported $480 41; this year they reported $487 75—$7 34 more than the previous year.

Out of our 46 churches, 31 reported contributions last year; this year 33 reported contributions, two more than last year; leaving only 13, non-contributing churches, and of these three are vacant. While we are much gratified that we have more contributing churches in proportion to our number, than any Presbytery in the State, and probably in the whole Church, still it is manifest that our aggregate contributions are far less than they should be. We have 4,395 members in our churches, and surely, if their hearts were inspired with zeal for the salvation of the perishing heathen, they could average more than ten or twelve cents to the member.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 30th, 1873. M. McQUEEN, AGENT.

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MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIFTH SESSIONS

OF THE

Presbytery of Fayetteville,

HELD AT

BEN-SALEM CHURCH, MOORE COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 1st—3rd, 1885.

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MINUTES.

Ben-Salem, Moore County, N. C.,
October 1st, 1885.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., from Acts, 16th chapter, 17th verse: "These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation."

After sermon, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., constituted the Presbytery by prayer.

The roll was called by the Stated Clerk.

Ministers Present.—Evander McNair, D. D., J. P. McPherson, Martin McQueen, James McQueen, Joseph Evans, H. G. Hill, D. D., A. N. Ferguson, K. M. McIntyre, Wm. S. Lacy, J. S. Black and James H. Colton.

Churches Represented.—Antioch, D. B. McLean; Bethesda, J. B. Graham; Ben-Salem, D. McKinnon; Big Rockfish, D. McMillan; Buffalo, Evander McGilvary; Carthage, D. P. Shields; Cypress, D. G. Smith; Cameron, Fergus Ferguson; Euphronia, D. C. Campbell; Flat Branch, H. D. McDonald; Harmony, M. C. McAskill; Long Street, Neill McPhail; Mineral Spring, P. Ray; Mt. Tabor, Hector McMillan; Tirza, D. J. McDonald; Union, S. E. Johnson; White Hill, W. P. Cameron; Bethel, J. D. McLeod; Sandy Grove, Murdoch McLeod.

Ministers Absent.—Hector McLean, Neill McKay, D. D., Andrew McMillan, D. D. McBryde, N. T. Bowden, Archibald McQueen, J. H. Coble, David Fairley and Roger Martin.

Churches not Represented.—Ashpole, Barbacue, Bethlehem, Bluff, Centre, China Grove, Church of the Covenant, Fayetteville, Galatia, Iona, Laurel Hill, Laurinburgh, Lebanon, Lumber Bridge, Lumberton, McPherson, Mark's Creek, Montpelier, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphus, Pee Dee, Rockingham, Shoe Heel, Sardis, Sharon, Smyrna, St. Paul's St. Andrew's, Sherwood and Salem.

Rev. James H. Colton was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. S. Black and Elder D. P. Shields temporary clerks.

On motion, Presbytery took recess for one hour.

After recess Presbytery met and proceeded to business.

The Stated Clerk presented the following papers, viz:

1. A printed circular from the Committee of Foreign Missions, which was referred to the Agent of the same.

2. A similar circular from the Committee of Publication, which was referred to the Presbyterial Agent of the same.

A communication from Rev. D. C. McIntyre, of Hamilton Presbytery, of Canadian Presbyterian Church, was presented by Rev. Joseph Evans, which was read, and referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. M. McQueen, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and Samuel E. Johnson.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee of Home Missions was presented by the Stated Clerk, which was read and referred to the Presbyterial Committee of Home Missions.

A similar paper from the same committee relating to coloured evangelization was, on motion, referred to Home Missions' Committee of Presbytery.

A letter was read by the Stated Clerk, from Rev. S. F. Tenny, Stated Clerk of Eastern Texas, in reference to Jones McKellar, a coloured man preparing for the ministry, asking his dismission to said Presbytery; whereupon the Stated Clerk was directed to explain to Brother Tenny the relation of said Jones McKellar to this Presbytery.

A printed communication from the Trustees of Davidson College was read and referred to the Committee of Education.

A letter from Rev. Roger Martin was presented and read by Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, expressing fraternal regards for this Presbytery, and requesting a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Bethel; whereupon his request was granted, the Stated Clerk ordered to furnish Bro. Martin the usual testimonials, and Bro. Lacy was directed to answer his letter and express to him our warm regard for him personally and as a member of our body, and our regret at parting with him.

On motion, Rev. A. N. Ferguson was made Chairman of the Committee of Education in place of Rev. Roger Martin, just dismissed.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

On Devotional Exercises.—Rev. K. M. McIntire, Elders D. McKinnon and P. Ray.

Minutes of General Assembly.—Rev. E. McNair, D. D., Rev. M. McQueen and Elder D. B. McLean.

Finance.—J. B. Graham and Fergus Ferguson.

Narrative to Synod.—Rev. A. N. Ferguson and Elder E. McGilvary.

Systematic Beneficence.—Rev. Joseph Evans and Elder D. C. Campbell.

Calls and Supplies.—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and Elders D. McMillan and Neill McPhail.

Nominations.—Rev. Wm. S. Lacy and Elders D. G. Smith and M. C. McAskill.

Bills and Overtures.—Rev. Messrs. K. M. McIntyre and M. McQueen and Elder D. P. Shields.

An overture from the session of Buffalo Church was presented, read and referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Treasurer of Presbytery, presented his statement of funds, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the appendix. [See Appendix A.]

On motion, a committee on the "Directory of Worship," was appointed, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Wm. S. Lacy, Dr. H. G. Hill and Elder E. McGilvary, to whom was referred the report on the Revision of the Directory of Worship.

The following orders of the day were fixed:

First.—The report of the Home Missions Committee was made the first order of the day for Friday afternoon, and,

Second.—The Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, Saturday at 11 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 2nd, 1885.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved as corrected.

On motion, Mr. D. P. Shields, one of the clerks, being sick, he was excused from further attendance, and Mr. D. B. McLean was elected in his place.

The special committee, to whom had been referred the communication of Rev. D. C. McIntyre, not being ready to report, were continued and ordered to report at the adjourned meeting to be held at Reidsville, N. C., during the meeting of Synod.

The following orders of the day were fixed, viz:

1st. The report of the Committee of Education, the first order for Saturday morning.

2nd. The report of the Agent of Publication and Colportage, the second order for this afternoon.

The Commissioners to the General Assembly made their report. Said report was accepted, and their diligence commended.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly submitted their report, which was accepted and, after some discussion was, on motion, recommitted.

The committees appointed to install Rev. Joseph Evans Pastor of Ashpole and Iona reported that they discharged the duties assigned them at the times appointed last Spring.

Presbytery proceeded to select the place and fix the time for holding our Spring sessions, when Lumber-Bridge Church, Robeson County, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Wednesday before the second Sabbath in April, 1886, at 12 o'clock, M., was fixed as the time.

A petition praying for the organization of a Church at Jonesboro, Moore County, N. C., signed by 29 persons, was read, and, on motion, said request was granted; whereupon the following committee was appointed to carry out the wishes of the petitioners, if the way be clear, viz: Rev. Messrs. H. G. Hill, D. D., and J. P. McPherson and Capt. J. D. McIver.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly again presented their report, which was accepted and, on motion, taken up *seriatim*:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

First. The committee call attention of Presbytery to an item on page 421 in Directory of Worship:

1st. That the General Assembly express its approval of the diligence of the committee on the Revision of the Directory for Worship, and,

2nd. That the results of their work be sent down to the Presbyteries, not for adoption, but for their further examination and criticism, to be reported back to the next General Assembly for its action.

3rd. That it is unnecessary to continue the present, or to appoint a new committee on this revision, until the Presbyteries shall have taken action upon the report now sent down to them.

Second. On page 425, on family worship, the committee recommend the adoption of the recommendation, viz :

"WHEREAS, the Narratives from Presbyteries so uniformly report sad, deplorable, distressing neglect of family worship and catechetical instruction in the household ; therefore be it

Resolved, That this General Assembly recommends that the Presbyteries instruct every minister having the care of souls within our bounds to preach during the month of October, or as soon thereafter as practicable, (and frequently in the future), a sermon on the importance of family worship, to be followed by one on parental responsibility ; these sermons to be preached in every congregation at a time most favorable for a large attendance ; and that Presbyteries require from every pastor a report as to his diligence in the performance of this duty."

Third. On the Foreign Evangelist, (see Minutes of Assembly, pages 425–6), the General Assembly does hereby recommend and send down to the Presbyteries, for their advice and consent thereunto, the following amendment to the Book of Church Order, viz : Form of Government, chap. IV, sec. 2, paragraph 6, shall be amended by adding to it the following words : "When sent to foreign countries he may also be entrusted with power by his Presbytery to ordain ministers of the gospel as pastors or as evangelists ; this grant of power, however, must be made for each specific case, and may only be made previous to the organization of a Presbytery in the field where he labors. The examinations for ordination shall, as far as possible, be conducted by the Evangelist in the presence of his fellow Evangelists (if there be any) in the same field, and the application for ordination shall usually be accompanied by the advice in writing of the same. The newly ordained minister shall be enrolled as a member, and be subject to the jurisdiction of the Presbytery whose commissioner ordained him."

Pending this discussion, Presbytery took a recess of five minutes to meet in the academy.

After recess Presbytery met, when the third recommendation of the committee, was, on motion, referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Martin McQueen and Wm. S. Lacy and Elder D. C. Campbell to report at Spring Sessions of Presbytery.

On motion, the amendment of the Book of Church Order was referred to the same committee.

Elder K. E. McAuley, of Macedonia Church, appeared in Presbytery, rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness, and his name was enrolled.

On motion, Presbytery took recess for one hour to meet in the Church.

After recess Presbytery met.

Mr. A. R. Shaw, one of our candidates, who had supplied, during vacation, McPherson, Long Street, Cypress and China Grove Churches, reported a discharge of that duty through Home Missions Committee.

The unfinished business was taken up, viz: the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, when item 5th on Home Missions was adopted, as follows:

> The Presbytery of Fayetteville prefers conducting its own Home Mission work, both among the white and coloured races, as it is doing at present.

This was adopted.

Then, on motion, the report was adopted as a whole, except those parts referred to special committees.

Leave of absence after this evening was granted to Hector McMillan and D. C. Campbell; to Rev. James McQueen and Elder W. P. Cameron after Saturday morning, and to Elder M. C. McAskill after one hour.

The Home Missions Committee presented their report through Dr. Hill, chairman, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Missions Committee report to the Fall Meeting of Presbytery for six months ending October 1st, 1885, as follows:

1st. *As to Sustentation.*—Contributions for 6 months to October 1st, 1885, from 11 churches	$ 39 90
Less 20 per cent. for Assembly's Committee	7 98
	$ 31 92
Balance on hand April 1st, after paying Assembly's Committee 20 per cent. to that date	318 21
To be appropriated by Home Missions' Committee	$350 13
Appropriations for Current Year.—	
For Rev. Wm. S. Lacy—supply for Rockingham	$10 00
" Rev. H. G. Hill— " " McPherson	15 00
" Licentiate J. D. Currie, (for his charge),	50 00
" Mt. Pisgah Church, (to plaster),	25 00
Whole amount	$100 00

These appropriations have been paid, except that to Mt. Pisgah Church, which has not been called for,

The field of Bro. J. D. Currie must receive from this fund $50, balance of the appropriation made to it for a year.

Some supplies for vacant churches may have to be paid from this fund.

The Treasurer reports to the credit of Sustentation October 1st, 1885, $285 13.

2nd. *As to White Evangelistic Fund.*—Contributed for 6 months to October 1st, 1885, by 13 churches and 1 station

Contributed for 6 months to October 1st, 1885, by 13 churches and 1 station	$68 21
Less one-half for Assembly's Committee	34 10
To be appropriated in our bounds	$34 11

At last Fall meeting Presbytery appointed Rev. J. H. Colton Colporteur and Evangelist, promising him $300 from the Evangelistic fund for one year's service. He commenced his labors early last winter, and has received from the Evangelistic fund $125. Besides this amount on salary, he has been paid from this fund a special appropriation made him at last spring meeting to aid in prosecuting his work, $100. The Evangelist will report his labors at this meeting.

Any of our ministers authorized to do mission work in Moore and Montgomery Counties may receive from this fund $10 for each week of service.

Our candidate, Mr. A. R. Shaw, directed to supply the Churches, McPherson, Long Street, Cypress and China Grove, during his vacation, at a compensation of $10 per week, has performed the service assigned him. A report of his labors will be presented at this Presbytery.

The Treasurer reports to the credit of the white evangelistic fund October 1st, 1885, $193 22.

3rd. *As to Colored Evangelistic Fund.*—At the Fall meeting of 1884 Presbytery ordered the collections for this fund to be appropriated to the education of our colored candidates at Tuskaloosa Institute.

For past six months 1 church contributed to this fund	$ 5 00
Balance on hand April 1st, 1885	14 81
Whole amount	$19 81

Paid Jones McKellar since April 1st, 1885, $10.

This is the balance of $60 appropriated last fall. There is due from this fund to the white evangelistic fund $25, borrowed by order of Presbytery.

4th. *As to Invalid Fund.*—Twenty churches and one station contributed for past six months

Twenty churches and one station contributed for past six months	$ 92 50
Balance on hand April 1st, 1885	18 83
Balance on hand October 1st, 1885, to be sent to Assembly's Committee	$111 33

No appropriations asked from this fund for current year.

5th. *Supplies for Vacant Churches.*—McPherson's, A. N. Ferguson, 1 Sabbath and Sacraments; H. G. Hill, 1 Sabbath.

Rockingham, J. H. Coble, 1 Sabbath and Sacraments; Jos. Evans, 1 Sabbath.

Long Street, Wm. S. Lacy, 1 Sabbath; J. P. McPherson, 1 Sabbath and Sacraments.

China Grove, D. D. McBryde, 1 Sabbath and Sacraments; D. Fairley, 2 afternoon appointments.

Cypress, James McQueen, 1 Sabbath and Sacraments; J. P. McPherson, 1 Sabbath.

Bethel, M. McQueen, 1 Sabbath and Sacraments; A. McQueen, 1 Sabbath.

Centre, H. G. Hill, 1 Sabbath and Sacraments.

Shoe Heel, Jos. Evans, 1 Sabbath and Sacraments.

Your committee would make the following recommendations:

1st. That the salary of our Evangelist, Rev. J. H. Colton, after his present year of service, be $400 per annum.

2nd. That our Evangelist be instructed, for six months, to supply one Sabbath per month each the churches of Mark's Creek, Jackson's Spring, Harmony and Mt. Carmel, in order that our Licentiate, J. D Currie, having charge of these churches, may rest and recover his health.

3rd. That these churches be directed to pay Rev. J. H. Colton, for the six months' service given them, $200 of the $400 promised him as Evangelist, while they pay to Licentiate J. D. Currie the balance of the salary promised him as supply.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. HILL, Chairman.

Rev. Joseph Evans, Agent for Publication and Colportage, presented his report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

REPORT OF AGENT OF PUBLICATION.

Your Agent for Publication begs leave to report that, according to Dr. Hazen's report to the General Assembly, the progress of this cause has been encouraging and the prospect hopeful. The outstanding bonds are being steadily retired, the excess of assets over liabilities are $7,578 more than last year, and the business of the Depository has shown a healthy growth during the year and satisfactory results. As regards our own Presbytery, 16 churches have contributed $70 78 to this cause since the 1st of April last.

As regards Colportage since the 1st of April last, 9 churches have contributed $42 49, which, with balance in the hands of Treasurer at that date, $131 21, makes $173 70 to the credit of this fund since last meeting of Presbytery. Of this $70 have been paid out (viz: $25 to Rev. A. McMillan and $45 to Rev. J. H. Colton) in the prosecution of the work, leaving in hands of Treasurer $103. Besides this, there is still in the hands of your Agent books that are in process of being sold, referred to in our last report. Also, a small balance in the hands of Mr. Bethune, Colporteur, with which to prosecute his work.

Rev. J. H. Colton reports $317 56 worth of books sold. The per centage due to him on this is $63 51. Deducting from this $45 already advanced and $2 90, leaves $15 61 still due him.

From Bro. McMillan I have not heard.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH EVANS, Agent.

On motion, the Reports (verbal) from the churches on the State of Religion were taken up, and the Committee on the Narrative took notes.

The following members obtained leave of absence, viz: D. J. McDonald and H. D. McDonald.

Rev. Martin McQueen, Dr. H. G. Hill and Elder E. McGilvary were appointed a committee to assign candidate A. R. Shaw trial pieces for licensure.

Rev. Joseph Evans was appointed to preach at Centre and Shoe Heel churches and declare said churches vacant, if the way be clear.

Rev. Joseph Evans and Elder S. E. Johnson were appointed a committee to examine the Minutes of Synod, 1884, and report thereon.

Rev. Martin McQueen was appointed Agent *pro tem.* on Foreign Missions in the absence of Rev. D. D. McBryde, the Agent on that subject.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 3rd, 1885.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be published in the appendix to the Minutes and a copy forwarded to Synod. [See Appendix.]

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod made their report, which was adopted *seriatim* and then as a whole, and is as follows, viz:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Your committee, appointed to examine the Minutes of Synod and report upon them, begs to report that, on page 526, there is the following:

> "The committee appointed to review the Records of the Presbytery of Fayetteville would report, recommending that the Records be approved as far as written, except that the book does not appear to have been reviewed by Synod last year.
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> Your committee would call attention to the fact that exceptions to the Records of Sessions are not engrossed as they should be."

In connection with this your committee would recommend that the Presbytery enjoin its Clerk to conform in all things to the laws of the Church.

On page 527 the Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly calls the attention of Presbyteries to the following:

"The Assembly directs the Presbyteries to enjoin upon their Sessions to take notice of violations of the sanctity of the Sabbath day, and if necessary to administer discipline, at least so far as admonition and reproof are concerned. This order of the Assembly your committee recommend the Synod to endorse and reiterate."

Your committee recommend that the Presbytery so enjoin Sessions. They also recommend the adoption of the following recommendation of the Assembly in same report:

"The Assembly recommends to our ministers to preach once a year on Foreign Missions, and instruct their people on this subject and observe the monthly concert of prayer for God's blessing on the Foreign Missionary work. We recommend the Synod to call the attention of our ministers to this subject also."

On page 530 the following recommendation was adopted as to Publication:

"That in view of the great importance of this cause, and the vast amount of good which may be accomplished by extending the circulation of a good, sound, religious literature, the Presbyteries be enjoined to urge upon their churches a larger degree of liberality in the support of this work, and especially that an effort be made to decrease the number of non-contributing churches."

Your committe recommend that Presbytery so enjoin.

On same page

"The Synod urges upon the Presbyteries to commend to the use of their churches and Sabbath-schools the papers, lesson helps, and all other Sabbath-school literature published and endorsed by the Assembly's Executive Committee, and to discourage the use of the publications of unknown and irresponsible parties."

Your committee would recommend that where the publications of our Board meet the wants of our people as well as others that in every case our people give the preference to our own publications.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH EVANS.

The Committee of Education submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

Your committee would respectfully report, that we have under our care six candidates, one of whom (Mr. Shaw) is now pursuing his studies in Union Theological Seminary. The other five are at Davidson College. Three of these were somewhat embarrassed at the closing of last collegiate year in consequence of the Central Committee being unable to pay the full amount to meet this deficiency.

Your committee, through its chairman, made an appeal to the churches for a special contribution. In response thereto a sufficient amount was received to make good the amount promised our candidates. Four of our candidates now at Davidson College will need the usual assistance for the present collegiate year, and for whom application has already been made to the Central Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. FERGUSON.
J. S. BLACK.

In reference to the statement of the Secretary of the Trustees of Davidson College, which has been read before Presbytery and referred to the Committee on Education, your committee would report as follows:

The Presbytery has heard with much gratification the several encouraging statements made by the Secretary: 1st, that all vacancies in the Faculty have been filled by men commanding the confidence of all who know them. Especially are we gratified with the selection of Rev. L. McKinnon for the Presidency. Reared in our midst, set apart, licensed by us to the work of the ministry, we have great confidence, from his energy of character, his devotion to the College, his eminent executive ability, and the success with which he has filled every position to which he has been called, that his labors will do much to raise the College to the high and commanding position it ought to occupy.

2nd. We are pleased to learn of the satisfactory financial condition of the College and of the encouraging prospect of materially increasing the endowment through the faithful efforts of Dr. Mack, the Financial Agent.

3rd. We most cordially commend the College to our people as one in every respect worthy their patronage and in which they should feel deep interest.

Respectfully submitted.

A. N. FERGUSON, Chairman.

The committee to assign themes for trial pieces to candidate A. R. Shaw made their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to assign trial pieces to our candidate, Mr. A. R. Shaw, submit the following report:

1st. For Latin Thesis: *An Christus Deus?*

2nd. For Exegesis: John, 1st chapter, 1st–5th verses inclusive.

3rd. Lecture: Romans, 8th chapter, 15th–17th verses inclusive.

4th. Sermon: John, 3rd chapter and 3rd verse.

M. McQUEEN, Chairman.

J. A. McRae, Ruling Elder of Sharon Church, appeared in Presbytery, rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness, and his name was enrolled.

The Home Missions' Committee made a special report on matters referred to them. Said report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Home Missions' Committee, to which was referred the circulars from the Assembly's Committee respecting Home Mission work, would report as follows:

1st. *Resolved,* That the Presbytery of Fayetteville will make an earnest effort for the year 1886, to raise $800 for Sustentation, $800 for Evangelistic work and $200 for the Invalid Fund.

2nd. *Resolved,* That all our ministers read and explain this action of Presbytery to all their churches at the times appointed for these collections, and, in connection with church officers, devise some plan for getting a contribution for each of these objects from every church and communicant.

3rd. *Resolved,* That beginning January 1st, 1886, Presbytery will give to the Assembly's Committee 25 per cent. of its collections for Sustentation and white Evangelistic work.

H. G. HILL, Chairman.

The hour for the special order of the day having arrived, the Agent of Foreign Missions made his report, which was preceded by devotional exercises, when said report was accepted, and pending its adoption several addresses were made. The report was then adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE AGENT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Agent *pro tem.* for Foreign Missions would submit the following brief report:

1st. We would acknowledge our obligations to the Great Head of the Church for His blessing upon our feeble efforts to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

There has been an advance all along the whole line. Under the great Captain of our salvation, like the tribes of Israel, the various churches are joining tent to tent and shoulder to shoulder, advancing upon the kingdom of darkness. There never was a time, in the whole history of the church, when the light of the Gospel was reaching so many dark corners of the earth. In this great onward movement our church, though one of the youngest and least of the tribes of Israel, is doing her part. We have more laborers in the field than we ever had before, and three other young brethren have come to the front, saying: "Here are we, send us" to the heathen. There has been a large increase in the number of Bibles and the amount of other religious literature circulated among the heathen nations of the earth.

The light of the Gospel is shining into many hearts to give them the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, and many souls have been let into the kingdom of Christ. Our missionaries have carried the glad tidings of salvation where the name of Jesus had never been heard during the last year.

Again, financially we are clear of debt. It was reported to our last Assembly that, by extra effort, our debt at home and abroad was paid off, and that we started on this ecclesiastical year free from all pecuniary obligations.

The receipts from all sources last year were $72,564 21, an increase of $2,396 76 over the previous year.

Our own Presbytery has increased its contributions every year. Notwithstanding the stringency of the times she reported to the last Assembly $1,656 26. But while the missionary spirit is growing amongst us, still we are far behind in our duty to the heathen and our Divine Master, and we must mingle our songs of rejoicing with sadness and confessions of shortcomings.

Our Presbytery is behind an average in her contributions to this cause, and the reason doubtless is so many of our churches and so many of our members pay nothing to send the glad tidings of salvation to the perishing nations of the earth.

Respectfully submitted.

M. McQUEEN, Agent *pro tem.*

At the close of these interesting services a collection was taken up, but the amount was not reported to us.

Rev. Joseph Evans offered a paper asking the appointment of a visiting agent, which was read and placed on the docket until after recess.

Presbytery then took recess for one-half hour.

After recess Presbytery met in the Church and, on motion, again took a recess of five minutes to meet in the academy, after which they met and proceeded to business.

The following members obtained leave of absence, viz: Dr. E. McNair, J. B. Graham and D. B. McLean.

The paper presented by Rev. Joseph Evans and placed on the docket was taken up, amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

That to secure through the committees of visitation more efficient Presbyterial oversight of our churches, be it

Resolved, 1. That we appoint biennially, beginning with this meeting of Presbytery "an Agent of Presbyterial Visitation," whose duty it shall be to bring in a written report at each Fall meeting of Presbytery, stating the work done by the various Committees of Visitation.

2nd. That said Agent shall, in the month of July, write to the chairman of each of the committees of visitation inquiring what has been done since the Fall meeting of Presbytery as regards visitation. If the requirement of Presbytery in this matter (Spring Minutes of 1878) has not been fully complied with, he shall urge them to do so before the approaching meeting of Presbytery.

3rd. That, if from any cause, the chairman cannot or will not act in the matter, it shall be the duty of the Agent, always as far as practicable, in conjunction with the committee of the district, to make the requisite visitation.

4th. In the discharge of this duty the Agent shall have the authority to call in the assistance of any member of Presbytery.

On motion, Dr. H. G. Hill was made visiting agent.

The Committee on the Narrative to Synod presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to that body, and is as follows, viz:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NARRATIVE TO SYNOD.

The Committee on the Narrative to Synod would submit the following report:

From the reports made by the brethren in reference to the state of religion in their respective charges, we learn that in nearly all our churches there have been more or less accessions during the year, varying from one to thirty-nine. In one charge of four churches, there has been an aggregate accession of eighty-four members. Sabbath schools are maintained in nearly all our congregations, and some increase of interest is manifest in this department of church work.

Attendance upon Divine worship is reported as being generally good. Family worship, while much neglected by many of our people, yet we are gratified to note that there is evidence of improvement in this line of christian duty.

The observance of the Sabbath is supposed to be usually good, at least externally. So far as we can learn, regular contributions are taken up in all the churches that enjoy the stated ministrations of the word, so that the giving of our substance is performed as a part of the regular worship of the sanctuary, and we are gratified to believe that there is amongst our people a gradual improvement in the grace of giving.

Taking all things into consideration, we are encouraged to believe that there is some advance all along the line of christian work within our bounds. Leaving results with God, we would press forward with renewed vigor and energy in the work of the Master.

Respectfully submitted.

A. N. FERGUSON,
E. McGILVARY,
Committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the overture from the Buffalo church report as follows:

Overture : The session of Buffalo church respectfully overtures the Presbytery of Fayetteville to answer the following question:

Is it competent for a session to accept as valid testimony before the session a certified copy of evidence before a civil court? Can a session act upon such testimony in trial of a member charged with offence?

Answer: "The church as a kingdom and government" being "distinct from the civil commonwealth," our rules of discipline in prescribing rules for taking testimony do not recognize a certified copy of evidence before a civil court as valid evidence before a session, and does not authorize a session to act upon such testimony in trial of a member charged with offence.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported that no application had come into their hands, and asked to be discharged, which was granted.

The Committee on Nominations submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows, viz:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

I. Executive Committees and Agencies of the Presbytery:

1. *Home Missions.*—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Chairman, Rev. M. McQueen, Rev. D. Fairley, E. T. McKethan, J. A. McArthur and W. J. Smith.
2. *Foreign Missions.*—Rev. D. D. McBryde, Agent.
3. *Education.*—Rev. A. N. Ferguson, Chairman, Rev. J. H. Coble, Rev. J. S. Black, Angus Blue, L. B. Prince.
4. *Publication and Colportage.*—Rev. Joseph Evans, Agent.
5. *Sabbath Schools.*—Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Agent.
6. *Systematic Beneficence.*—Rev. D. Fairley, Agent.
7. *Calls and Supplies.*—Rev. M. McQueen, Rev. D. D. McBryde, W. J. Stuart.

II. Committees on Examination:

1. *Natural Sciences.*—Rev. A. McMillan, Rev. A. McQueen, Mr. Peter Shaw.
2. *English Branches.*—Rev. Joseph Evans, Rev. James McQueen, Mr. D. McIntyre.
3. *Moral Science and Mental.*—Rev. K. M. McIntyre, Rev. N. McKay, D. D., Rev. H. McLean.
4. *Latin and Greek.*—Rev. N. T. Bowden, Rev. J. S. Black, W. J. Stuart.
5. *Hebrew.*—Rev. D. D. McBryde, Rev. K. M. McIntyre, Rev. J. H. Colton.
6. *Theology.*—Rev. J. H. Coble, Rev. M. McQueen, L. B. Prince.
7. *Ecclesiastical History.*—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. W. S. Lacy, S. C. Rankin, Rev. Dr. McNair.
8. *Church Government.*—Rev. J. P. McPherson, Rev. David Fairley, Rev. A. N. Ferguson.

III. 1. *Trustees of Presbytery.*—Reappointed.
2. *Trustees of Donaldson Academy.*—Reappointed.
3. *Trustees of Davidson College.*—Rev. D. D. McBryde is reappointed to go out in 1889.

IV. We recommend that the Rev. J. H. Colton be appointed to take the place of Rev. Roger Martin.

WM. S. LACY, Chairman.
D. G. SMITH.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was accepted and approved, and ordered to be printed in the appendix.

The Committee on Sabbath School Convention made their report, which was accepted and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows, viz:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Committee appointed to select a time and place for the meeting of a Sunday School Convention to be held in August, and to provide a suitable programme of exercises, respectfully report that they discharged that duty.

Centre Church was chosen as the place, and Tuesday before the fifth Sunday in August as the time for such Convention. Five important topics connected with the welfare of Sunday Schools were presented for consideration and discussed with much interest. A large congregation was in attendance. Of the ministers and sessions of Presbytery, there were present six ministers, six representatives of sessions, and twenty-one delegates from various Sunday Schools. The Convention was in session for three days, and in the judgment of those in attendance the exercises were for the edification and profit of Churches and Sunday Schools.

The Committee recommend that this report be also placed in the hands of the Synodical Agent of Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of Committee.

WM. S. LACY, Chairman.

The committee to revise the Standing Rules reported in part, viz: so far as the assessment of the churches is concerned, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

The following revised list of assessments on the churches is respectfully submitted to the consideration of Presbytery:

Antioch	$10 00
Ashpole	25 00
Barbacue	8 00
Ben-Salem	10 00
Bethel	15 00
Bethesda	15 00
Bethlehem	3 00
Big Rockfish	8 00
Bluff	15 00
Buffalo	25 00
Cameron	3 00
Carthage	15 00
Centre	20 00
China Grove	3 00
Church of the Covenant	5 00
Cypress	5 00
Euphronia	10 00
Fayetteville	25 00
Flat Branch	3 00
Galatia	15 00
Harmony	5 00
Iona	10 00
Laurel Hill	20 00
Laurinburg	30 00
Lebanon	3 00
Long Street	3 00
Lumber Bridge	$10 00
Lumberton	10 00
Macedonia	5 00
McPherson	8 00
Mark's Creek	3 00
Mineral Spring	8 00
Montpelier	10 00
Mt. Carmel	3 00
Mt. Pisgah	5 00
Mt. Tabor	5 00
Pee Dee	10 00
Philadelphus	10 00
Rockingham	5 00
St. Andrew's	10 00
St. Paul's	15 00
Salem	5 00
Sandy Grove	10 00
Sardis	10 00
Sharon	5 00
Sherwood	5 00
Shoe Heel	15 00
Smyrna	15 00
Tirza	10 00
Union	20 00
White Hill	5 00

The Treasurer, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, also reported the following Presbyterial Assessments unpaid, which was accepted, viz:

PRESBYTERIAL ASSESSMENTS UNPAID.

1885.		
Ashpole	$25 00	
Ben-Salem	10 00	
Bethlehem	3 00	
China Grove	2 59	due
Church of the Covenant	2 00	due
Cypress	5 00	
Fayetteville	25 00	
Galatia	12 00	
Harmony	5 00	
Iona	10 00	
Lebanon	5 00	
Lumberton	6 95	due
Macedonia	5 00	
McPherson	3 20	due
Mark's Creek	3 00	
Mineral Spring	4 00	due
Montpelier	10 00	
Mt. Carmel	3 00	
Philadelphus	6 05	due
Rockingham	5 00	
Salem	5 00	
Sardis	10 00	
Sharon	5 00	
Sherwood	6 00	
Total	$176 79	

1884.		
Fayetteville	$25 00	
Harmony	3 40	due
Iona	4 00	due
Mt. Carmel	80	due
Rockingham	75	due
Sharon	3 00	due
Sherwood	4 00	
Total	$40 95	

The Treasurer was directed to write to each of the above delinquent churches and collect.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical Report to Synod, which was approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to that body. (See Appendix.)

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery are due and are hereby heartily tendered to the people of Ben-Salem Church and congregation, and to those of sister churches who joined with them in the entertainment of this body, for the kind and cordial hospitality which they have experienced at their hands, and that the pastor express to the people the Presbytery's appreciation of their kindness.

The following committee was appointed to organize a church at Jonesboro, N. C., if the way be clear, viz: Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. J. P. McPherson and Capt. J. D. McIver.

Rev. James H. Colton, Evangelist and Colporteur, presented his report, which was accepted and approved and his diligence commended. Said report is as follows:

ABSTRCT OF REPORT OF REV. J. H. COLTON, COLPORTEUR AND EVANGELIST.

Your Evangelist preached during July, August and September regularly at five different points on the R. & A. R. R., altogether thirteen sermons. At one point only of these five have we an organization, but at more than one there is a growing desire for a church of their own. At twenty-four other points he preached in all 42 sermons. He found everywhere people attentive to preaching; family worship generally neglected, but some seeming to return to this duty; intemperance also prevalent, but, perhaps, declining.

He spent but a few days in the parts of Presbytery strictly evangelistic, because mainly his support must be obtained from colportage in the organized churches.

He spent over 100 days and traveled over 1,600 miles, and made over 300 calls in the combined work. He sold about 100 bound volumes of P. C. P. and over 270 bound volumes of miscellaneous publishers, and 237 tract volumes, amounting in all to about $317.

On motion,

Resolved, That Rev. James H. Colton be re-elected Evangelist for the next year, on a salary of $400, and Colporteur as last year.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to have published 300 copies of the Minutes, and also to publish in the *N. C. Presbyterian* an abstract of our Minutes.

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy was nominated as Moderator for the next meeting of Presbytery.

Reports of Supplies and Visiting Committees were docketed for the meeting of Presbytery at Synod.

The Minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Reidsville, N. C., during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

J. S. BLACK, Clerk.

Attest: J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

REIDSVILLE, N. C., Oct. 22nd, 1885.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met at the call of the Moderator and was opened with prayer.

Present.—Rev. Messrs. E. McNair, D. D., J. P. McPherson, M. McQueen, H. G. Hill, D. D., D. Fairley, A. N. Ferguson, Wm. S. Lacy and J. H. Colton, and Ruling Elder A. F. Patterson.

McPherson Church asked for permission to employ Rev. D. Fairley, for such portion of his time as he may be able to give them, for six months at the rate of $800 per annum.

On motion, the above request was referred to Rev. A. N. Ferguson, Chairman of the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Rev. M. McQueen, chairman of committee to which the matter of Rev. D. C. McIntyre had been referred at our late meeting, reported, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee to which was referred the request of Rev. D. C. McIntyre, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, to labor for six months within our bounds, would submit the following Report: As Presbytery is satisfied with the credentials of Rev. D. C. McIntyre, and as our Book does not require any preliminary examination, therefore

Resolved, That his request be granted, and if the way be clear the committee on vacancies be authorized to make the arrangements.

Respectfully submitted,

M. McQUEEN, Chairman.

Presbytery took recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. Present as above.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

The Committee on Calls and Supplies recommend that Rev. David Fairley be permitted to supply McPherson Church until next Spring meeting of Presbytery on a salary for such portion of his time as he can give at the rate of $800 per annum.

On motion of Dr. Hill, the Rev. J. H. Colton was instructed to preach once a month at Rockingham, on the Sabbath he preaches at Mark's Creek, and that the church be directed to compensate him on salary at the rate of sixty dollars per annum.

Rev. D. Fairley reported he had preached at Rockingham and Rev. A. N. Ferguson reported he had filled his appointment at Rockingham. Bro. Fairley reported he had filled his appointment at Long Street, Dr. Hill at McPherson Church, McMillan at Harmony, and M. McQueen at Cypress.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

OCTOBER 23rd, 1885.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Lumber Bridge on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in April, 1886, at 12 M.

Closed with prayer.

Attest: J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1885:

32	Churches	contributed	to Sustentation	$ 230 00
28	"	"	to Evangelistic Fund	200 00
28	"	"	to Invalid Fund	165 00
39	"	"	to Foreign Missions	1,213 00
36	"	"	to Education	379 00
30	"	"	to Publication	144 00
18	"	"	to Colportage	98 45
24	"	"	to Tuskaloosa Institute	62 49
	Bible Cause included in following:			
15	Churches	contributed	to Miscellaneous	577 00
	Total			$3,048 94

Being $74 34 less than was raised the year before.

Fifty Churches reported, and 8 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 42 to one or more of them.

One Church made no report, viz: Rockingham.

By order of Presbytery.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Ben-Salem, October 3rd, 1885.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports:

1. Nineteen Ministers, 51 Churches, 1 Licentiate, 6 Candidates, 4,601 Communicants, and $3,048 94 aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1885, being $74 34 less than was raised the year before.

2. Two hundred and four members were added to the Churches during the year.

3. One Minister was received, Rev. J. H. Colton, April 1st, 1885.

4. Rev. Roger Martin, dismissed to Bethel Presbytery October 1st, 1885.

5. Churches received or organized, none.

6. Churches transferred or dissolved, none.

7. Licentiates received, none.

8. Licentiates transferred, none.

9. Candidates received, one: D. N. McLauchlin, April 4th, 1885.

10. Candidates transferred, none.

11. Ministers died, none.

12. Ordinations, none.

13. Installations, two: July 1st, 1885, Rev. J. Evans, Ashpole, and Iona 15th day of July, 1885.

14. Dissolutions of Pastoral relations, Rev. Roger Martin, Centre and Shoe Heel, April 3rd, 1885.

15. Licensures, none.

16. Fifty-one Churches, 9 Pastors, 7 Stated Supplies, 1 Evangelist and 1 Licentiate. Two are engaged in teaching.

17. ———

18. ———

19. Two Manses, aggregate value, one $3,000, one $1,200.

20. All our Counties have Ministers and Churches.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Lumber Bridge, on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in April, 1886.

By order of Presbytery.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Ben-Salem, October 2nd, 1885.

COLLECTIONS BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AT PRESBYTERY.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Susten-tation.	Publi-cation.	Foreign Missions.		Invalid Fund.	Educa-tion.	Evang'c Fund.	Evang'c Fund—colored.	Col-port-age.	Tuska-loosa Institute	Presby'l Fund.	Totals.
			Church-es.	Ladies' Mis. S's.								
Laurel Hill	$	$	$ 29 80	$	$	$	$ 21 38	$	$	$	$	$ 51 18
Smyrna				15 10			15 30		2 80			33 20
Montpelier			3 50				3 88					7 38
Flat Branch			16 45		1 00		2 00					19 45
St. Paul's				18 00								18 00
Cypress			4 00		2 58						5 00	11 58
Ben-Salem		1 75	3 50		1 50		2 00					8 75
Macedonia			2 80				2 05					4 85
Winder Station							2 10					2 10
Lebanon			2 75									2 75
Mineral Spring				8 00	1 25		6 65				4 00	19 90
Harmony							2 30					2 30
Ashpole			11 50	60 00	8 29				5 46			85 25
Iona			5 00	5 75	2 00		4 69		4 00			21 44
Totals		$ 1 75	$ 79 30	$ 106 85	$ 16 62		$ 62 35		$12 26		$ 9 00	$ 288 13

STATEMENT OF TREASURER

OCTOBER 1st, 1885.

To the Presbytery of Fayetteville:

I respectfully submit to the Presbytery according to the requirement of the Standing Rules, the following statement of the Treasury from April 1st to October 1st, 1885 :

AGGREGATES.—			
Balance on hand at last report, April 1st, 1885		$1007 16	
Receipts		1319 35	
			$2326 51
Disbursements			1293 32
Balance on hand 1st of October 1885			$1033 19
SUSTENTATION.—			
Balance on hand 1st April, 1885	$318 21		
Receipts	39 90		
		$358 11	
Disbursements		65 00	
Balance on hand 1st October, 1885			$ 293 11
PUBLICATION.—			
Receipts	$ 70 78		
Disbursements	63 76		
Balance on hand 1st of October, 1885			7 02
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—			
Balance on hand 1st April, 1885	$ 47 60		
Receipts	610 45		
		658 05	
Disbursements		340 42	
Balance on hand 1st of October, 1885			317 63
EVANGELISTIC FUND.—			
Balance on hand 1st of April, 1885	$362 90		
Receipts	68 21		
		431 11	
Disbursements		200 00	
Balance on hand 1st of October, 1885			231 11
EDUCATION.—			
Balance on hand 1st of April, 1885	$ 10 11		
Receipts	56 56		
		66 67	
Disbursements		56 16	
Balance on hand 1st of October, 1885			10 51
INVALID FUND.—			
Balance on hand 1st of April 1885	$ 18 83		
Receipts	92 50		
		111 33	
Balance on hand 1st of October, 1885			111 33

COLPORTAGE.—			
Balance on hand 1st of April, 1885	$131 21		
Receipts	42 49		
		173 70	
Disbursements		70 00	
Balance on hand 1st of October, 1885			103 70
TUSKALOOSA INSTITUTE.—			
Balance on hand 1st of April, 1885	$		
Receipts	10 30		
Balance on hand 1st of October, 1885			10 30
EVANGELIZATION—COLORED PEOPLE.—			
Balance on hand 1st of April, 1885	$ 14 81		
Receipts	5 00		
Balance on hand 1st of October, 1885			19 81
PRESBYTERIAL.—			
Balance on hand 1st of April, 1885	$ 53 49		
Receipts	323 16		
		376 65	
Disbursements		432 58	
Overdrawn 1st of October 1885			55 93
MIZPEH CHURCH FUND.—			
Balance on hand 1st of April, 1885	$ 50 00		
Balance on hand 1st of October, 1885			50 00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. LACY, Treasurer.

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MINUTES.

Laurinburgh, Richmond County, N. C.,
September 30th, 1886.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Neill McKay, D. D., the retiring Moderator, from 1st Corinthians, 3rd chapter, 16th verse: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

After sermon Presbytery was constituted by prayer.

The roll was called and the following Ministers answered to their names, viz: J. P. McPherson, N. McKay, D. D., A. McMillan, D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen, Joseph Evans, John H. Coble, James H. Colton, A. N. Ferguson, J. S. Black and J. D. Currie.

The following Churches were represented, viz: Ashpole, N. McCallum; Buffalo, M. H. McIver; Carthage, W. J. Stuart; Cypress, D. G. Smith; Cameron, F. Ferguson; Euphronia, W. D. Campbell; Bethesda, Neill Graham; Flat Branch, Hugh D. McCormic; Iona, M. C. McIntyre; Laurel Hill, Murdoch Morrison; Laurinburgh, Angus Blue; Mineral Spring, D. W. McDonald; Mt. Pisgah, James S. Harrington; Shoe Heel, J. C. McCaskill; Sandy Grove, D. K. McDuffie; Centre, Neill Watson; St. Andrews, W. McDougald; Philadelphus, A. McMillan; Rockingham, M. M. McIver; Union, M. Ferguson.

Ministers Absent.—Hector McLean, James McQueen, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, H. G. Hill, D. D., David Fairley, K. M. McIntyre and Wm. S. Lacy.

Churches not Represented.—Antioch, Barbacue, Bethlehem, Ben-Salem, Bluff, Fayetteville, Galatia, Harmony, Lebanon, Longstreet, Lumberton, McPherson, Macedonia, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor, Pee Dee, Sardis, Sharon, Smyrna, St. Paul's, Sherwood, Salem, Tirza, White Hill and Jonesboro.

Rev. J. S. Black was chosen Moderator, and Messrs. H. McEachern and M. H. McIver temporary clerks.

On motion, Presbytery took recess for one hour and a half.

After recess Presbytery met, when, on motion, the reading of the minutes of last sessions was dispensed with.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed that, in future, in making his report to the General Assembly, he report the aggregate of contributions of each church to Foreign Missions.

The following Elders appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and their names were enrolled, viz: Antioch, D. B. McLean; Neill Graham, Bethesda; Archibald McMillan, Philadelphus; Neill M. McFadyen, Bethel.

On motion, Rev. Wm. R. Atkinson, of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Moderator announced the following committee, viz:

Religious Exercises.—Rev. John H. Coble and Angus Blue.

The following orders of the day were fixed, viz:

Foreign Missions, Saturday at 11 o'clock A. M.

Education, second order of the day for to-morrow morning, and that the Report on Publication and Colportage be heard now.

Whereupon said report was read by the Agent, Rev. Joseph Evans, accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

REPORT OF AGENT OF PUBLICATION AND COLPORTAGE.

Your Agent begs leave to report in connection with Publication, that this cause has made steady and satisfactory progress for the last year in all its branches. From Dr. Hazen's report to the last General Assembly we learn that the excess of assets over liabilities is $54,866, a gain of above $7,000 during the year; that of Publication bonds $8,350 have been redeemed, leaving only $14,800 still to be paid, and that thus the interest on the bonds will be much less than in former years; that the business of the Depository is steadily increasing, and that, notwithstanding the extreme financial depression, the contributions to this cause have nearly been as great as in the previous year. Of our Presbytery fifteen churches have contributed since last meeting $51.58, which, added to balance on hand at last meeting, viz: $8.74, leaves $60.32 to the credit of this cause.

In connection with Colportage your Agent has to report that, since the last meeting of Presbytery, 13 churches have contributed to this cause $43.75, which, added to $5.58 (contributed before the last meeting but not reported), $78.18 reported as in the treasury at last meeting, and $20.50 due by Rev. A. McMillan, makes $148.01. Out of this $54.10 has been paid to Rev. J. H. Colton as his per centage on sales, and which settles an indebtedness to him up to date, which leaves $93.91 to the credit of the fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH EVANS, Agent
of Publication and Colportage.

The report of the Committee appointed to organize Culdee Church is as follows, viz:

The Committee appointed by Presbytery to organize a Church at Culdee would report that on the 15th of September, 1886, two members of the Committee met at Culdee and, finding the way clear, organized a Church consisting of 29 members; that they ordained three Elders and two Deacons. The Committee recommend that the Church be enrolled and known as Culdee and assessed $5 for Presbyterial fund.

Respectfully submitted.
M. McQUEEN.
JOHN SHAW, M. D.

This report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, the Report on Education was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was ordered to have printed 300 copies of our present Minutes.

Rev. Mr. Wildman, of the Baptist Church, being present, was invited to sit with us as a visiting brother, and was introduced by the Moderator.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported in part.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at 9½ o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

OCTOBER 1ST, 1886.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. J. H. Coble, from the Visiting Committee to whom had been referred the complaint of Mr. John E. Kelly, reported that they had not been able to do anything in that case.

The Moderator announced the following Committee on Nominations, viz: Rev. J. H. Colton and D. B. McLean.

The following members appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, viz: Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., A. McQueen and Wm. S. Lacy.

On motion, it was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning to hear the report of the Committee of Home Missions.

Rev. J. C. Lyon, of the M. E. Church, being present, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and was introduced by the Moderator.

On motion, it was made the first order of the day to-morrow morning to hear the report of the Committee of Home Missions.

The different Visiting Committees reported that they had visited various churches in their different districts. Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., having been out of the State during the summer, was excused from reporting on that subject.

The supplies for vacant churches reported a general fulfillment of those appointments.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Commissioner to the General Assembly, reported that he and Mr. Peter Monroe had attended all the sessions of the last Assembly, whereupon their diligence was commended and their course approved.

The report of the Committee of Education was resumed as unfinished business, and after some discussion was, on motion, recommitted and Rev. Messrs. D. D. McBryde, H. G. Hill, D. D., Joseph Evans and Elder M. H. McIver added to said committee.

Mr. A. R. Shaw, who had supplied during the summer Bethesda and Rockingham Churches, reported through the Home Missions' Committee, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes. (See Appendix.)

On motion, Bethel Church, Robeson County, N. C., was chosen as the place for holding our Spring Sessions, and the time Wednesday before the third Sabbath in April, 1887, at 12 o'clock M.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Your Committee would call attention to the following matters:

1st. To the recommendation on page 28, in reference to the Bible cause and an annual collection therefor.

2nd. To direction 2nd, page 28, and 3rd, 4th and 5th, page 29.

3rd. To 7th resolution on page 29th: That every minister educated in whole or in part by the Church be encouraged to give some time to the domestic field in his Presbytery.

4th. To the 4th item in the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions relative to the appeal for free-will offerings in October and February.

5th. To recommendation, page 45, relative to Sunday-school Conventions at Fall or Spring Presbytery. Also to recommendations A and B same page.

In view of the continued agitation of the evolution hypothesis, and the persistent, absurd and unchristian methods used by Dr. Woodrow and his adherents to cast odium upon the General Assembly on account of its deliverance on the Bible account of the creation of the body of Adam, and on account of its recommendations to the Synods controlling said Seminary, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this Presbytery does most heartily and unanimously approve the decision of our late General Assembly on each of the above named issues, and further expresses the profound conviction that each of these deliverances are according to truth and righteousness, and were made under the guidance of the unerring and ever blessed Spirit of God.

Signed by the Committee.

D. D. McBRYDE, Chairman,
H. G. HILL,
F. FERGUSON.

On motion, the following members obtained leave of absence after this evening: Rev. Neill McKay, D. D., D. A. Blue, M. McDougald and H. D. McCormic.

The Committee on the Narrative to Synod submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NARRATIVE TO SYNOD.

The Committee on the Narrative to Synod would submit the following report:

Nearly all our churches are at present being supplied with the regular ministrations of the word. So far as we can learn there have been more or less accessions to nearly all the churches within our bounds during the past year. A goodly number report from two to twelve additions. Eight report accessions ranging from fifteen to thirty, and one sixty. Thus has the good Lord graciously blessed us with the outpouring of His Spirit.

The attendance upon the ordinances of the sanctuary is generally good with very few exceptions. Sabbath schools are kept in all our congregations. In most of them prayer meetings are maintained. Family worship, while too much neglected, yet several of the brethren report improvement on this line of christian duty in their respective charges. Sabbath observance is thought to be as good as at any time in the past, and in some communities there is marked improvement. In all our churches that are supplied with preaching contributions are regularly taken up for the various benevolent objects, and in several of the churches the grace of giving seems to be on the increase. In many of our congregations ladies' missionary societies are kept up, and in several instances the funds received through this instrumentality are largely in advance of the congregational contributions for the cause of missions. Peace and harmony prevail within our bounds. Taking all things into consideration, we feel that, while there are on our part many sins and short-comings to mourn over, we have cause for profound gratitude and thankfulness to God for the outpourings of His Spirit and the multiplied blessings bestowed, and so should go forward with renewed zeal and energy in His service.

Respectfully submitted.

A. N. FERGUSON,
J. A. McFADYEN,
Committee.

On motion, Rev. David Fairley was placed on Committee on Nominations in place of Dr. McKay, who had obtained leave of absence.

The Treasurer, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, submitted his statement of funds for the past six months, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the appendix. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on Revised Rules stated that they were not prepared to report, and asked for further time, which was granted.

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Agent of Sabbath Schools, submitted his report, which was accepted and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

REPORT OF AGENT OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Agent of Sabbath Schools respectfully suggests that the following report be made to the Synod, as supplemental to the Annual Presbyterial Report:

The Presbytery reports to the Synod that a Sabbath School Convention was held in Buffalo Church August 25th and 26th, at which there were present eight ministers, eleven elders and sixteen representatives of Sunday Schools, and visiting brethren of Orange Presbytery. The exercises were interesting and profitable and greatly enjoyed.

WM. S. LACY, Agent.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

LAURINBURGH, N. C., Oct. 2, 1886.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. M. C. McAskill, Elder of Harmony Church, appeared in Presbytery, rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness, and his name was enrolled.

Presbytery on motion, took recess for half an hour.

After recess Presbytery met.

Rev. Joseph Evans asked and obtained leave of absence after this morning's session.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Chairman of Committee of Home Missions, presented his report, which was accepted and is as follows, viz:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Missions' Committee would report to the Fall Meeting of Presbytery for six months ending October 1st, 1886, as follows:

1st. *As to Sustentation.*—Contributions for 6 months to October 1st, 1886, from 13 churches, - - - - -	$38 40
Less 25 per cent. for Assembly's Committee, -	9 60
	$28 80
Balance on hand April 1st, after paying Assembly's Committee 25 per cent. to that date, - - -	416 23
To be appropriated by Home Missions' Committee,	$445 03
Appropriations for Current Year.—	
For Rev. J. H. Colton, Evangelist, - - -	$100 00
For Rev. D. C. McIntyre, Supply, - - -	10 00
	$110 00

Of this the sum of $50 has been paid Bro. Colton. Some supplies for vacant churches may have to be paid from this fund.

The Treasurer reports to the credit of Sustentation October 1st, 1886,	$419 63

2nd. *As to White Evangelistic Fund.*—Contributed for 6 months to October 1st, 1886, by 18 churches,	$76 32
Less 25 per cent. for Assembly's Committee,	19 08
To be appropriated in our bounds,	$57 24

At last Spring meeting Presbytery directed its Evangelist, Rev. J. H. Colton, to give one Sabbath each month to Longstreet, China Grove and Cypress churches, and to spend the balance of his time at mission points and in colportage work. It instructed the churches supplied to raise for him $300, and promised him from the Sustentation Fund $100, and from the Evangelistic Fund $200 per annum. From the Evangelistic Fund since the last meeting of Presbytery Bro. Colton has received $50, and $50 had been advanced previously. The Evangelist will report his labors at this meeting.

Our candidate, Mr. A. R. Shaw, at the Spring meeting, was directed by Presbytery to supply the churches of Bethesda and Rockingham during his vacation upon a compensation of $10 per week for service rendered. He will report to this meeting the work done and the compensation received.

The Treasurer reports to the credit of the white Evangelistic Fund October 1st, 1886,	$129 03

3rd. *As to Colored Evangelistic Fund.*—By order of Presbytery at the Fall meeting of 1884, this fund is now employed to educate our colored candidates at Tuskaloosa Institute.

For past 6 months one church contributed to this fund	$ 1 58
Balance on hand April 1st, 1886,	37 74
	$39 32

The $25 borrowed by order of Presbytery for this fund from the white Evangelistic Fund should now be returned.

4th. *As to Invalid Fund.*—Twenty-five churches contributed for past 6 months,	$103 42
Balance on hand April 1st, 1886,	10 01
Balance on hand October 1st, 1886, to be sent to Assembly's Committee,	$113 43

Appropriations asked for Current Year.—For Rev. J. P. McPherson $30.

5th. *Supplies for Vacant Churches.*—Rockingham, A. N. Ferguson, 1 Sabbath; J. H. Coble, 1 Sabbath; Jos. Evans, 1 Sabbath; A. McQueen, 1 Sabbath; Wm. S. Lacy, 1 Sabbath; H. G. Hill, 1 Sabbath and Sacraments.

Bethesda, D. Fairley, 1 Sabbath and Sacraments; J. H. Colton, 1 Sabbath; A. McMillan, 1 Sabbath.

Bethel, J. H. Coble, 1 Sabbath and Sacraments; M. McQueen, 1 Sabbath; H. G. Hill, 1 Sabbath; J. H. Colton, 1 Sabbath.

Mark's Creek, A. McMillan, 1 Sabbath and Sacraments; N. T. Bowden, 1 Sabbath; A. N. Ferguson, 1 Sabbath.

1st. We recommend that Rev. J. H. Colton, our Evangelist, employ his vacant Sabbath at mission points at discretion.

2nd. That the Stated Clerk be instructed after each Presbytery to notify vacant churches that Presbytery expects them to pay the supplies sent $10 per Sabbath.

Respectfully submitted.

H. G. HILL, Chairman.

Rev. James H. Colton submitted his report as Presbyterial Evangelist, which was accepted.

I have, according to direction of Presbytery, supplied Cypress, China Grove and Longstreet each one-fourth of my time. The other one-fourth I have spent with Mark's Creek Church and Hoffman. I asked Mark's Creek to pay over to the Committee of Home Missions for my services $25, and Hoffman to make a contribution to Foreign Missions and pay my expenses in some trips there by railroad. Hoffman has paid about $6, Mark's Creek nothing. My special charge, now, has paid me about $100.

Of the churches supplied last year Mineral Spring has paid up in full, Harmony is due me $13.50, Mt. Carmel $22.43, Mark's Creek $31 and Rockingham $10.

I have baptized 4 infants and 2 adults and received on examination 21.

I have spent at least two-thirds of my time away from home in travelling and visiting pastorally both in other churches as well as in my special charge.

J. H. COLTON, Evangelist.

He also presented his report as Colporteur, which was accepted and the statistics ordered to be printed in the appendix. (See Appendix.)

Foreign Missions, being the order of the day for this hour, was taken up, when the report was read by the Agent, Rev. D. D. McBryde. After religious exercises several addresses were made and a collection taken up amounting to $60.40.

The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE AGENT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A quarter of a century ago the Southern Presbyterian Church was organized and entered upon its work as a distinct branch of the Church of Christ.

Amid the fearful darkness and gloom of civil war the first General Assembly met and published to the world this noble and appropriate manifesto: "The General Assembly desires, distinctly and deliberately, to inscribe upon its Church's banner, as she now unfurls it to the world, in immediate connection with the Headship of her Lord, His last command, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'"

This she regarded as the indispensable condition of her Lord's gracious presence with her.

We were then shut up from the world by the stern mandates of a desolating war. But when the cloud of battles cleared away our beloved church arose from the dust and girded herself for the great work of preaching the gospel to the perishing millions of heathen lands.

We then had neither funds nor missionaries save among the Indians and one in China, but we had the presence of the great "Head of the Church," whose command to "Go forward," we endeavored to obey. To-day we have our missions in nearly all the grand divisions of the earth. In Italy we have two missionaries, in Greece two, in China nine, in South America twenty, in Mexico six, among the Indians six, and in Japan two. If to these we add the native helpers—the colporteur and Bible and tract distributers, men and women—we have an exhibit which will give at least an idea of our progress during this brief period of our existence.

But in addition to this we have in nearly all our missions comfortable homes for our missionaries, chapels to preach in, the facilities necessary for schools, one college and one theological seminary.

Thus our church is thoroughly equipped for the work and is making constant and encouraging progress in the great work of evangelizing the world.

The work is now systematized and on a solid basis. Every step in our progress reveals vast and ever-widening fields white unto the harvest, reminding us of the words of our Saviour: "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more laborers into His vineyard."

It is gratifying to know that the church is making gradual progress in the grace of giving. But until the Israel of God are educated, in the true sense of the term, to worship God with their substance, and until we are quickened and revived by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, our labors will not be crowned with abundant success. "It is not by might nor by power but by my Spirit saith the Lord."

We have then, before us, an open door to the heathen world—vast fields white unto the harvest—countless millions of benighted heathen famishing for the bread of life, all pleading with an earnestness profound and awful; "save us or we perish." If the church is indifferent to these united calls—if it is indifferent to the injunctions of the risen Savior—can it expect his presence or blessing? Can we be guiltless of the blood of the slain?

Can we face the myriads of the heathen world at the judgment who may justly charge us with their ruin? Then let the church awake, let the ministers of Christ awake, let the people be instructed, let God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost be glorified by a consecrated church, and the world shall be redeemed and filled with the glory of God.

On motion, Presbytery took recess until two o'clock P. M.
After recess Presbytery met.

Elder Peter McRae, of Smyrna church, appeared, assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness and his name was enrolled.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Chairman of Special Committee on Ministerial Education, made his report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the principles that should govern the education of our candidates for the ministry would report to Presbytery for adoption the following recommendations:

1st. That Presbytery will not give pecuniary aid to candidates under its care until they have passed through their academic course.

2nd. That every candidate receiving aid from Presbytery shall be required to refund to Presbytery all money advanced to him if he fails to enter the ministry.

3rd. That beneficiary candidates, when licensed and employed in the vacant churches and fields of the Presbytery, may return gradually money advanced by the church for their education in work done in such fields at a fair compensation for their services.

Rev. J. H. Colton, Chairman of the Committee on Calls and Supplies, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON CALLS AND SUPPLIES.

That Rev. J. H. Colton supply Bethel church as stated supply one-fourth of his time, until next meeting of Presbytery, on a salary of $100 per annum; that Centre and Shoe Heel churches be permitted to employ Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., as stated supply, from October 1st, 1886; Centre church pledges $650 per annum, and Shoe Heel church pledges $550 per annum; the whole amounting to $1,200; on behalf of Shoe Heel session J. C. McCaskill; on behalf of Centre session Daniel L. Watson; and Harmony church be permited to employ Rev. J. D. Currie, as stated supply, on a salary of $130 per annum for the present, one-fourth of his time, the salary to be paid at the end of the year; on behalf of the congregation M. C. McAskill.

W. J. Stuart, Chairman of Committee of Finance, submitted his report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the appendix. (See Appendix.)

The report on Systematic Beneficence was read and approved, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Synod. (See Appendix.)

On motion, the time for holding next regular meeting of Presbytery was fixed on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in April, 1887, at 12 o'clock M.

The Treasurer, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, reported the following churches as delinquent on the Presbyterial Fund, and he was directed to write to them and remind them of their indebtedness, and in case of failure to comply that the chairmen of visiting committees in which the churches are included be notified and asked to urge them to comply:

PRESBYTERIAL ASSESSMENTS UNPAID.

1884.		
Fayetteville,	$25 00	
Rockingham,	75	
Sharon, still due,	3 00	
		$28 75
1885.		
Fayetteville,	$25 00	
Harmony,	5 00	
Lumberton,	6 95	
Mt. Carmel,	3 00	
Rockingham,	5 00	
Sherwood, still due,	4 00	
		$48 95
1886.		
Fayetteville,	$25 00	
Sandy Grove, still due,	4 00	
Ben-Salem, still due,	7 55	
Bethlehem, still due,	1 48	
Cypress,	5 00	
Galatia,	15 00	
Harmony,	5 00	
Iona,	10 00	
Lebanon,	3 00	
Lumberton,	10 00	
Macedonia,	5 00	
Mark's Creek,	3 00	
Mt. Carmel,	3 00	
Mt. Pisgah,	5 00	
Rockingham,	5 00	
Salem,	5 00	
Sharon,	5 00	
Sherwood,	5 00	
Tirza,	10 00	
		$132 03

Total due, - - - $209 73

WM. S. LACY.

On motion, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy was elected Treasurer for the coming year.

On motion, Rev. John H. Coble was appointed to prepare a letter of sympathy to Rev. Hector McLean in behalf of this Presbytery.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery are due and are hereby tendered to the members of Laurinburgh church and other citizens of the community for their bountiful hospitality, and to the railroads for favors shown to the members, to the pastors and members of other churches for courtesies extended to this body, and that this resolution be read from the pulpit by the pastor and published in the town papers.

On motion, Dr. Hill was added to the Committee on Nominations. Rev. J. H. Coble to be chairman in the absence of Rev. David Fairley.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. A. McMillan.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., from Committee on Nominations, made his report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations would report as follows:

1st. *Home Missions.*—Committee same as last year.

2nd. *Foreign Missions.*—Agent same as last year.

3rd. *Systematic Beneficence.*—Agent same as last year.

4th. *Education Committee.*—Same and H. Lytch added.

5th. *Publication and Colportage.*—Agent same as last year.

6th. *Sabbath Schools.*—Agent same as last year.

7th. *Natural Science.*—A. McMillan, A. McQueen, J. S. Black.

8th. *Primary English.*—Jos. Evans, Jas. McQueen.

9th. *Moral Science.*—N. McKay, D. D., K. M. McIntyre.

10th. *Latin and Greek.*—N. T. Bowden, W. S. Lacy, H. McLean.

11th. *Hebrew.*—D. D. McBryde, K. M. McIntyre.

12th. *Theology.*—J. H. Coble, M. McQueen.

13th. *Ecclesiastical History.*—H. G. Hill, J. H. Colton.

14th. *Church Government.*—J. P. McPherson, D. Fairley, A. N. Ferguson.

15th. *Trustees of Presbytery.*—Same as last year.

16th. *Trustees of Davidson College.*—W. S. Lacy, elect for four years.

17th. *Trustees of Donaldson Academy.*—Same as last year.

18th. J. H. Coble be made Chairman of his Visiting Committee, and J. D. Currie be added.

19th. That a list of all Visiting Committees be placed in the Stated Clerk's book of Presbyterial officers.

Rev. A. N. Ferguson, Chairman, reported the following themes for trial pieces for Mr. K. A. McLeod, viz:

Sermon: John, 3rd chapter and 3rd verse.

Lecture: Psalm 23rd. Critical Exercise, Matthew, 20th chapter, 1st–16th verses.

Latin Exegesis: *Quid est Fides?*

Adopted.

On motion, the minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Concord, N. C., during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

J. S. BLACK, Moderator.
J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

H. McEACHERN, }
M. H. McIVER, } Clerks.

ADJOURNED MEETINGS.

Concord, N. C., 7th October, 1886.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met pursuant to adjournment at the call of the Moderator, during the session of the Synod of North Carolina in Concord, on 7th October, 1886, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Present.—D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen, H. G. Hill, D. D., Joseph Evans, D. Fairley, J. H. Colton, Wm. S. Lacy and J. S. Black.

Calls from Davidson College and Bethel Churches, Concord Presbytery, duly authenticated by that Presbytery, for the pastoral services of Rev. Wm. S. Lacy were presented, and the Commissioners appointed by that Presbytery and the Church of Davidson College, viz: Rev. L. McKinnon, D. D., Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., and Ruling Elder S. R. Neel, appeared and were heard.

There not being a constitutional quorum present, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Fayetteville at the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, 14th October, 1886, at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Fayetteville, N. C., 14th October, 1886.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment at the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, on Thursday, 14th October, 1886, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Present.—D. D. McBryde, H. G. Hill, D. D., David Fairley, Wm. S. Lacy and J. S. Black, Ministers.

L. A. McDonald, Big Rockfish, and E. T. McKethan, Fayetteville, Ruling Elders.

Rev. W. S. Lacy was appointed Temporary Clerk.

The Moderator laid before the Presbytery the calls from Concord Presbytery for the pastoral services of Rev. W. S. Lacy.

The following resolution was adopted:'

Resolved, That at the next meeting of Presbytery, to be held at Buffalo Church on Tuesday, 9th November next, at 3 o'clock P. M., the churches of which Rev. W. S. Lacy is pastor be cited to appear before Presbytery and declare whether they will consent to Presbytery's putting the calls into his hands from churches in Concord Presbytery, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to serve this citation upon all these churches at his earliest convenience.

A call from Fayetteville Church for the pastoral services of Rev. A. L. Phillips, of Wilmington Presbytery, was laid before Presbytery and was found to be in order, excepting that the certificate of Mr. S. C. Rankin, the Moderator of the congregational meeting, was not appended thereto. It was moved and carried that, when thus attested, the call be duly authenticated by the certificate of the Moderator and Temporary Clerk, and that the parties appointed by the congregational meeting be duly authorized to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Wilmington.

The minutes were then read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned to meet at Buffalo Church, on Tuesday, 9th November, 1886, at 3 P. M., and was closed with prayer by Rev. D. D. McBryde.

J. S. BLACK, Moderator.
WM. S. LACY, Temporary Clerk.
Attest: J. P. MCPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

BUFFALO CHURCH, November 9th, 1886,
3 o'clock P. M.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer, Rev. J. H. Colton, the last Moderator present, presiding.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., was appointed temporary clerk.

Ministers Present.—J. P. McPherson, D. D. McBryde, James H. Colton, Wm. S. Lacy, A. N. Ferguson and H. G. Hill.

The following churches were represented:

Euphronia, Wm. B. Campbell; Buffalo, M. H. McIver; Jonesboro, James Dalrymple.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting held in Fayetteville, October 14th, 1886, were read.

Buffalo Church, by commissioners, signified that it declined giving its consent to putting the calls from Concord Presbytery into Bro. Wm. S. Lacy's hands. Euphronia also declined its consent by unanimous vote. Jonesboro also declined giving its by a similar vote.

Bro. Wm. S. Lacy was heard respecting the calls from Concord Presbytery.

On motion, Presbytery declined placing the calls from the churches of Concord Presbytery in Bro. Wm. S. Lacy's hands.

A regular letter of dismission, in due form, from the Presbytery of Wilmington, granted to Rev. A. L. Phillips was read, whereupon he was examined on Experimental Religion, Theology and Church Government, all of which was unanimonsly sustained, and he was received as a member of Fayetteville Presbytery. He was directed to sign the obligations assumed by ministers of this Presbytery and found in the records, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

A call from Fayetteville Church for the services of Rev. A. L. Phillips was presented, read and placed in his hands for the whole of his time on a salary of $1,200, payable monthly. He signified his acceptance of this call. Presbytery appointed Rev. Wm. S. Lacy to preside, preach and propose the constitutional questions; Rev. D. D. McBryde to charge the Pastor, and Rev. D. Fairley to charge the people.

The following supplies for the churches of Rev. J. D. Currie were appointed at his request:

Mineral Spring.—M. McQueen, 1 Sabbath; D. Fairley, 1 Sabbath.
Harmony.—J. H. Coble, 1 Sabbath; A. McQueen, 1 Sabbath.
Mt. Carmel.—A. McMillan, 1 Sabbath; Joseph Evans, 1 Sabbath.

The Stated Clerk was directed to inform these brethren of these appointments.

Parts of trial assigned to candidates: Form of Government, Chapter VI, Section VI, Paragraph IV.

For J. M. Clark—1. Latin Thesis: *An Persona: Sanctus Spiritus?* 2. Exegesis or Critical Exercise, John, 15th chapter, 1–6 verses. 3. Lecture or Exposition of Scripture, Psalm, 15th chapter. 4. Sermon, II. Corinthians, 5th chapter, 14th and 15th verses.

For K. A. McLeod—1. Latin Thesis, *An Christus Deus?* 2. Exegesis or Critical Exercise, Isaiah 5th chapter, 1–7 verses. 3. Lecture or Exposition of Scripture, Ephesians, 2nd chapter, 1–7 verses. 4. Sermon, First Timothy, 1st chapter, 15th verse: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation," &c.

Applications from these candidates for employment next summer were referred to the Home Missions' Committee, and that they be informed by Bro. Lacy that they can probably be employed.

On motion, Prebytery adjourned to meet in Fayetteville on Saturday before the first Sabbath in December at 7 o'clock P. M.

The minutes of this day were read and approved.

Closed with prayer.

J. H. COLTON, Moderator.

H. G. HILL, Clerk.

Attest: J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1886:

37	Churches	contributed	to Sustentation	$ 285 87
30	"	"	to Evangelistic Fund	249 65
31	"	"	to Invalid Fund	158 95
46	"	"	to Foreign Missions	1,779 80
43	"	"	to Education	296 12
29	"	"	to Publication	129 47
20	"	"	to Colportage	91 64
16	"	"	to Tuskaloosa Institute	53 60
1	"	"	to Bible Cause	3 39
14	"	"	to Miscellaneous	504 90
Total				$3,553 39

being $11 92 more than was raised the year before.

Fifty-one Churches reported, and 11 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 40 to one or more of them.

All the Churches made report, though the reports are incomplete. There has been very gratifying increase in contributions, and more systematic efforts are made to secure collections.

By order of Presbytery.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Laurinburgh, October 1st, 1886.

COLLECTIONS BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AT PRESBYTERY.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Susten- tation.	Publi- cation.	Foreign Missions.			Invalid Fund.	Col- portage.	Evang'c Fund.	Evang'c Fund—colored.	Educa- tion	Presby'l Fund.	Totals.
			Church- es.	Ladies' Societies	Sunday Schools.							
Carthage	$	$	$	$ 9 73	$	$	$	$		$	$	$ 9 73
Mark's Creek											2 20	2 20
Sandy Grove	4 67		14 04		10 02	1 00				4 30		34 03
China Grove								1 40				1 40
Centre			7 59		12 89	8 30		9 41				38 19
Flat Branch						1 50		5 00				6 50
Mineral Spring				20 65								20 65
Harmony								4 87				4 87
Lebanon			3 00			3 00	4 00					10 00
Laurinburg	13 74	14 23	17 36			13 03	6 77	6 09		5 53		76 75
Big Rockfish					2 57							2 57
Laurel Hill				19 35				25 86				45 21
Smyrna								13 21				13 21
Montpelier								4 52				4 52
St. Paul's				6 00								6 00
Totals	$ 18 41	$ 14 23	$ 41 99	$ 55 73	$ 25 48	$ 26 83	$10 77	$ 70 36		$ 9 83	$ 2 20	$ 275 83

The above is a correct statement of moneys received from the Churches of Fayetteville Presbytery for Beneficence at its meeting at Laurinburg, September 30th and October 1st and 2nd, 1886.

W. J. STUART,
J. C. McCASKILL,
Finance Committee.

COLPORTAGE.

Rev. J. H. Colton, Colporteur, reports as follows: Since last Presbytery he has travelled mainly within the bounds of the churches he has served as preacher, and in the neighboring churches. He has sold as follows by counties:

COUNTIES.	BOUND VOLS.	VALUE.	TRACT VOLS.	VALUE.
Cumberland..........	85	$ 57 29	106	$ 3 43
Harnett...............	108	57 00	131	5 50
Moore..................	96	59 55	98	3 54
Montgomery..........	4	10 10	5	66
Robeson...............	35	28 75	3	40
Richmond.............	22	17 55	11	75
	350	$231 24	354	$14 28

J. H. COLTON.

HOME MISSIONS.

To the Home Missions Committee the following report is respectfully submitted:

CHURCHES.	NO. OF WEEKS	AMOUNT DUE.	AM'T REC'D.	NO. OF ACCESSIONS.
Bethesda......	9	$ 90 00	$128 75	8 { 7 by profession. 1 by letter.
Rockingham...	7	70 00	57 10	21 { 9 by profession. 12 by letter.
Total.......	16	$160 00	$185 85	29

I was kindly received by the above-mentioned churches. Rev. M. McQueen assisted me in the protracted services at Bethesda, Revs. J. S. Black and W. S. Lacy at Rockingham. These brethren labored faithfully for the Master. I trust God has been glorified in the salvation of precious souls. To Him be all the praise.

A. R. SHAW.

Princeton, N. J., Sept. 21, 1886.

STATEMENT OF TREASURER

OCTOBER 1st, 1886.

To the Presbytery of Fayetteville:

I respectfully submit to the Presbytery, according to the requirement of the Standing Rules, the following statement of the Treasury from 1st April, 1886, to 1st October, 1886:

AGGREGATES.—

Balance on hand at last report, 1st April, 1886	$ 962 52	
Receipts	1646 37	
		$2608 89
Disbursements		1323 61
Balance on hand 1st October, 1886		$1285 28

TO-WIT:

SUSTENTATION.—

Balance on hand 1st April, 1886	$ 416 23	
Receipts	38 40	
		454 63
Disbursements		35 00
Balance on hand 1st October, 1886		$ 419 63

PUBLICATION.—

Balance on hand 1st April, 1886	$ 8 74	
Receipts	51 58	
		60 32
Disbursements		57 18
Balance on hand 1st October, 1886		$ 3 14

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—

Balance on hand 1st April, 1886	$ 223 01	
Receipts	732 23	
		955 24
Disbursements		619 64
Balance on hand 1st October, 1886		$ 335 60

EVANGELISTIC FUND.—

Balance on hand 1st April, 1886	$ 127 71	
Receipts	76 32	
		204 03
Disbursements		75 00
Balance on hand 1st October, 1886		$ 129 03

EDUCATION.—		
Balance on hand 1st April, 1886	$ 35 25	
Receipts	187 95	
		223 20
Disbursements		176 81
Balance on hand 1st October, 1886		$ 46 39
INVALID FUND.—		
Balance on hand 1st April, 1886	$ 14 76	
Receipts	103 42	
		118 18
Disbursements		45 30
Balance on hand 1st October, 1886		$ 72 88
COLPORTAGE.—		
Balance on hand 1st April, 1886	$ 93 24	
Receipts	63 75	
		156 99
Disbursements		74 28
Balance on hand 1st October, 1886		$ 82 71
TUSKALOOSA INSTITUTE.—		
Balance on hand 1st April, 1886	$ 7 58	
Receipts	30	
Balance on hand 1st October, 1886		7 88
EVANGELIZATION—COLORED PEOPLE.—		
Balance on hand 1st April, 1886	$ 37 74	
Receipts	1 58	
Balance on hand 1st October, 1886		39 32
BIBLE SOCIETY.—		
Balance on hand 1st April, 1886	$ 3 39	
Balance on hand 1st October, 1886		3 39
PRESBYTERIAL.—		
Deficit 1st April, 1886	$ 55 13	
Receipts	390 84	
		335 71
Disbursements		240 40
Balance on hand 1st April, 1886		$ 95 31
MIZPEH CHURCH FUND.—		
Balance on hand 1st April, 1886	$ 50 00	
Balance on hand 1st October, 1886		50 00

Respectfully submitted.

WM. S. LACY, Treasurer.

ANNUAL COLLECTIONS.

1. Home Missions, embracing these objects:
1st. Sustentation, - - - - January.
2nd. Evangelistic Fund, - - - September.
3rd. Coloured Evangelistic Fund, - - October.

When money is sent for *Home Missions*, please state for which of these objects it is intended.

2. Publication, - - - - March.
3. Foreign Missions, - - - May.
4. Invalid Fund,- - - - July.
5. Colportage, - - - - August.
6. Education, - - - - November.
7. Theological Institute for Coloured Men, December.
8. Presbyterial Fund, - due April 1st of each year.

Brethren and Churches will please note carefully the above arrangement.

OFFICERS.

REV. J. S. BLACK, - - - Moderator,
Athens, N. C.
REV. J. P. McPHERSON, – - Stated Clerk,
Jonesborough, N. C.
REV. WM. S. LACY, - - - Treasurer,
Jonesborough, N. C.

MINUTES

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—OF THE—

One Hundred and Fiftieth Sessions

—OF THE—

Presbytery of Fayetteville

HELD AT JONESBORO, MOORE COUNTY, N. C.

April 11th--14th, 1888.

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OF

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE,

held at Fayetteville, N. C., October 26th and 27th,
1887, and now published in this form
by Presbyterial order.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., OCTOBER 26, 1887.

The Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, at the call of the Moderator, in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, N. C., on Friday, 26th of October, 1887, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. A. L. Phillips.

Present:—Ministers; Neill McKay, D. D., D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen, J. H. Coble, A. McQueen, H. G. Hill, D. D., Joseph Evans, David Fairley, J. H. Colton, A. N. Ferguson, Wm. S. Lacy, J. S. Black, A. L. Phillips and A. R. Shaw. Ruling Elders; W. J. Smith, Bluff Church; L. McDonald, Big Rockfish; D. C. Shaw, St. Andrews; A. M. McKinnon, Laurinburgh; William Black, Maxton.

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy was chosen temporary clerk.

Rev. Archibald Currie, of the Presbytery of Orange, was granted leave to labor in the bounds of this Presbytery for the next six months, under the direction of the Committee of Home Missions as to his field of labor.

An Overture from the Session of Union Church was presented and read, and put on the docket for consideration at the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Calls from Maxton and Centre Churches for the pastoral services of the Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., were laid before Presbytery. The call from Maxton Church was found to be in order and was placed in Dr. Hill's hands. The call from Centre Church was not in order, but was placed in Dr. Hill's hands on condition of authentication by the Moderator of the congregational meeting extending the call.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator, and was closed with prayer.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 1887.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer.

Present:—Ministers; D. D. McBryde, A. McQueen, H. G. Hill, D. D., David Fairley, A. N. Ferguson, Wm. S. Lacy, A. L. Phillips, J. S. Black and A. R. Shaw. Ruling Elders; G. L. McKay, Bethlehem, and L. McDonald, Big Rockfish.

The Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., signified his acceptance of the calls from Maxton and Centre Churches, the call from Centre having been duly authenticated and put in order, and Presbytery appointed the following committee for his installation, on Saturday, 3rd December, 1887, at Maxton, and on Sunday, 4th December, 1887, at Centre; the Rev. Wm. S. Lacy to preach the sermons, preside and propose the constitutional questions, with the Rev. A. L. Phillips as his alternate; the Rev. Joseph Evans to charge the pastor, the Rev. A. N. Ferguson to charge the people, and the Rev. J. H. Coble to be alternate to either.

Rev. M. McQueen was granted permission to withdraw the Overture of the Session of Union Church, presented on yesterday and docketed.

The minutes of this adjourned meeting of Presbytery were then read, amended, and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, to meet in the Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro, Wednesday, 11th of April, 1888.

Attest: A. L. PHILLIPS, Moderator.

WM. S. LACY, Temporary Clerk.

MINUTES.

JONESBORO, MOORE COUNTY, N. C.,
April 11th, 1888.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. A. L. Phillips, the retiring Moderator, from John xxi. 17: "Feed my sheep."

After sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called and the following members were found to be present, viz.: Rev. Messrs. J. P. McPherson, Neill McKay, D. D., James McQueen, Joseph Evans, Archibald McQueen, A. L. Phillips, H. G. Hill, D. D., David Fairley, J. H. Colton, A. N. Ferguson, Wm. S. Lacy, J. S. Black and A. R. Shaw.

The following Ruling Elders appeared, and their names were enrolled: Antioch, T. Currie; Philadelphus, H. J. McMillan; Ashpole, N. T. McLean; Barbacue, John Darroch; Bethel, John W. McLauchlin; Bethesda, Malcom McNeill; Big Rockfish, J. A. McFadyen; Buffalo, E. McGilvary; Cameron, D. McIntyre; Euphronia, W. B. Campbell; Fayetteville, Dr. J. W. McNeill; Galatia, N. A. Ray; Harmony, M. C. McCaskill; Laurinburgh, R. McCaskill; Lumber Bridge, N. Shaw; McPherson, James F. Martin; Mt. Pisgah, A. McN. Harrington; Maxton, E. F. McRae; Sardis, J. E. Elliot; Smyrna, P. McRae; St. Paul's, J. D. McGachy; St. Andrew's, L. McN. McDonald; Sherwood, J. D. Johnson; Tirza, J. A. Cameron; Union, M. J. Blue; White Hill, D. M. Lemons; Jonesboro, J. R. Watson.

The following Ministers were absent: Rev. Messrs. Hector McLean, A. McMillan, D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen, N. T. Bowden, John H. Coble and K. M. McIntyre.

The following Churches were not represented, viz.: Bethlehem, Bluff, Bensalem, Carthage, Centre, China Grove, Church of the Covenant, Iona, Laurel Hill, Lebanon, Longstreet, Lumberton, Mark's Creek, Macedonia, Mineral Spring, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor, Pee Dee, Rockingham, Sandy Grove, Sharon, Salem.

On motion, Rev. A. R. Shaw was chosen Moderator, and the following Ruling Elders temporary clerks: Messrs. J. A. Cameron and D. McIntyre.

Rev. W. F. Thom, of Orange Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Messrs. Doub and Carpenter, of the M. E. Church, South, were introduced and invited to sit with us as visiting brethren.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at half past 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

Thursday, April 12th, 9.30 a.m., 1888.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. S. Black. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Fayetteville, at Synod, were read for information, and ordered to be published in front of the minutes of this meeting of Presbytery. Reading of minutes of last meeting of Presbytery was dispensed with.

The following Ruling Elders appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness and were duly enrolled, viz.: D. C. McKinnon, Bensalem; Dr. John Shaw, Carthage; W. F. Wicker, Culdee; John A. McAllister, Lumberton; J. A. McDonald, Mark's Creek; W. A. Smith, Pee Dee; M. N. McIver, Rockingham; J. A. McRae, Sharon, and J. J. Weldon, Salem.

Rev. A. McMillan appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

A communication from A. M. Watson was read and referred to the Home Missions Committee, and a special committee of Rev. A. L. Phillips and Rev. J. S. Black appointed a committee to convey the sympathies of Presbytery to Rev. A. M. Watson.

The committee on Mizpah Church reported that propositions were made for compromise from the M. E. Church, South, which they did not feel empowered to accept, and read to Presbytery a communication from Rev. F. L. Townsend, of the M. E. Church, in regard to the same, and the terms of compromise therein stated were accepted by Presbytery, and the Trustees of Presbytery instructed to convey to parties named in said letter a deed to the property upon the payment to them of one hundred dollars, which sum they are to turn over to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

Moved and ordered that the report of the committee on religious exercises be announced to the Presbytery as a matter of information, but not made a matter of record.

Rev. J. P. McPherson announced the death of Rev. J. H. Coble and Rev. Martin McQueen.

The Moderator announced the following committees on Sessional Records, viz.:

1. Those of Antioch, Philadelphus, Ashpole, Barbacue, Bethlehem, Bethel, Bethesda and Bensalem:—Rev. J. S. Black, and Elder Dr. J. W. McNeill.

2. Bluff, Big Rockfish, Buffalo, Carthage, Centre, China Grove, Church of Covenant, and Cameron:—Rev. A. N. Ferguson and James Martin, Ruling Elder.

3. Euphronia, Fayetteville, Flat Branch, Galatia:—Rev. D. D. McBryde and L. McN. McDonald.

4. Harmony, Iona, Sandy Grove, Laurel Hill, Laurinburgh, Lebanon, Longstreet, Lumber Bridge:—Rev. James McQueen and Malcom McNeill.

5. Lumberton, McPherson, Mark's Creek, Macedonia, Mineral Spring, Montpelier, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor:—Rev. A. McQueen and Neill Shaw.

6. Mt. Pisgah, Pee Dee, Rockingham, Maxton, Laurel Hill, Sardis, Sharon, Smyrna:—Rev. Joseph Evans and E. McGilvary.

7. St. Paul's, St. Andrews, Sherwood, Salem, Tirza, Union, White Hill, Cypress, Jonesboro, Culdee, Phillippi:—Rev. A. McMillan and H. J. McMillan.

Committee on Devotional Exercises:—Rev. Wm. S. Lacy and J. R. Watson.

Narrative to General Assembly:—Rev. A. L. Phillips and R. McCaskill.

Calls and Supplies:—Rev. D. Fairley and W. A. Smith.

Minutes of Synod:—Rev. J. H. Colton and N. T. McLean.

Bills and Overtures:—Dr. Neill McKay and M. C. McCaskill.

Nominations:—Dr. H. G. Hill and Rev. A. McQueen.

Finance:—M. J. Blue and M. N. McIver.

Systematic Beneficence:—Rev. D. Fairley and J. W. McLauchlin.

Leave of Absence:—W. S. Lacy and W. B. Cameron.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of General Assembly was read, and a special committee consisting of Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and Mr. J. A. McAllister, was appointed to bring in a supplemental report on the Minutes of General Assembly, and the communication referred to them.

It was ordered that the order of the day for Saturday at 10 o'clock, a. m., shall be memorial services of deceased brethren, J. H. Coble and Martin McQueen, and that Rev. D. D. McBryde be appointed to present a memorial of Rev. Martin McQueen, and Rev. A. N. Ferguson to present a memorial of Rev. J. H. Coble.

Messrs. David McArthur, of Philadelphus Church, and Archibald McLauchlin of Antioch Church, appeared before Presbytery, and asked to be received under its care as candidates for the Ministry, and were examined as to personal piety and motives in seeking the Gospel Ministry, which examination was sustained, and the applicants were received as candidates for the Ministry; said examination being conducted with closed doors.

Presbytery took recess until 2.30 o'clock p. m.

THURSDAY, 2.30 P. M.

Presbytery met according to recess. Reports of the various churches were read by the delegates and referred to the proper officers.

On motion, a committee of five to examine sessional blanks and make such changes as may be necessary, and have a certain number printed for use at the next meeting; committee consists of Revs. A. L. Phillips, W. S. Lacy, J. P. McPherson, H. G. Hill, D. D., and Mr. J. A. McAllister.

Rev. D. Fairley, from the committee to organize a church at McCaskill's graveyard, reported the organization of a church under the name of Phillippi, which report was received and adopted, the church ordered to be enrolled and the church assessed $5.00. S. P. Klarpp, representing said church, was enrolled as a delegate.

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, from committee to install Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., pastor of Maxton and Centre Churches, reported that they performed that duty at the time appointed, which was accepted and adopted.

Resolved that the report of the committee on education be the second order of the day for tomorrow afternoon. Report of publication and colportage be made the first order of the day for tomorrow afternoon. Report of committee on Sabbath Schools to be made first order for Saturday morning. Report of committees on sessional records, first order for Friday morning.

The committee on standing rules allowed till next fall to make report.

Committees to report on sessional records, viz.: Smyrna, approved, with exceptions; Salem, same; Sardis, same; Laurel Hill, approved; St. Andrews, same; St. Pauls, same; Mt. Tabor, same; Maxton, same; Mt. Pisgah, with exceptions; Montpelier, same; Jonesboro, approved; Tirza, same; Union, same; Culdee, same.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for holding a Sabbath School convention during the last year, respectfully

Report that they accepted the invitation of Laurel Hill church, and a convention was held there, August 24th and 25th, 1887, attended by seven ministers of the Presbytery, three candidates and seventeen elders, and eleven other representatives of Sunday Schools. The convention was largely attended, and proved of more than usual interest. WM. S. LACY.

Harmony church, Richmond county, N. C., was chosen as the place for holding our fall sessions, and Wednesday before the second Sabbath of October, 1888, at 12 o'clock, M. as the time.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at half past 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

JONESBORO, N. C., APRIL 13, 1888.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following delegates appeared in Presbytery, and after assigning satisfactory reasons for tardiness their names were enrolled, viz.: James McBryde, Centre church; Hugh D. McCormick, Flat Branch; N. A. McRae, Galatia; E. F. McRae, Maxton; N. S. Blue, Sandy Grove; J. E. Elliot, Sardis, and Peter McRae, Smyrna.

The committee on the Narrative to the General Assembly submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted and a copy ordered to be forwarded to that body:—

NARRATIVE OF FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY

to the General Assembly for the year ending March 31, 1888.

1. Ministers, Ruling Elders and Deacons are reported as generally reasonably faithful.
2. Attendance on Sunday services, as large; but prayer meetings not so well attended.
3. Several special outpourings of the Holy Spirit have been experienced.
4. Our churches generally are improving, in many cases large additions to membership being reported.
5. The deportment of our church members is generally correct, and their growth in grace in many instances is marked.
6. Catechetical and Bible instructions better attended to at Sabbath School than at home.
7. Family worship is still greatly neglected.
8. Our people generally observe the Sabbath faithfully.
9. Our people are reaching a higher standard of liberality with their substance toward the Lord.
10. Intemperance, etc., do not prevail, though there are here and there cases of indulgence in them.
11. The colored people still prefer to patronize their own churches.
12. Where these are destitute they are provided for.

Rev. Joseph Evans, agent for Publication and Colportage presented his report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz.:—

REPORT OF AGENT FOR PUBLICATION AND COLPORTAGE, FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1888.

Your agent for Publication has to report that 35 churches have contributed from April 1st, 1887, to April 1st, 1888, $157.14, which, added to the balance on hand a year ago, according to the Treasurer's account, viz.: $37.24, makes $194.38, of which $180.75 has been remitted to Dr. Hazen.

As regards Colportage, there was to the credit of the fund last spring meeting of Presbytery, according to our report, $109.30; since then to April 1st, 1888, 25 churches have contributed $87.07, making $196.37. Of this, $96.23 has been paid to Rev. J. H. Colton, viz.: $24.23 in settlement of our indebtedness to him for sales up to last spring meeting of Presbytery, and $75.70 for sales since then, leaving still to the credit of this fund $100.16.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH EVANS,
Agent of Publication and Colportage.

REPORT OF COLPORTEUR:

From April 1st, 1887, to April, 1888, I have given to Colportage 190 days. In my visits to families as presented below, I have usually had prayer, especially with the sick and aged. I have donated as furnished by Assembly's Committee of Publication, to a Sunday School at Johnsonville and at Long school house, and distributed tracts generally, in all worth $13.00. I have sold of Bibles and Testaments of A. B. Society, $90. I have bought all my books of the Assembly's Committee at Richmond, except $30 worth.

As this is our centennial year, it is but meet that I should make a summing up of my work. I have sold books worth $1785.68. The amount seems large, but it has been done at a great expense of time and labor, and yet it has failed to realize one-fourth of a minister's minimum support, which I have understood was expected by Presbytery, in connection with evangelistic work. Thus it seems that the work cannot be self-sustaining; and on commission one cannot do the full and proper work of a Colporteur. I have now served three and one-half years in this work. For this year my report is as follows:—

Counties.	*Miles.*	*Visits.*	*Sales.*
Cumberland,	760	111	$77 18
Harnett,	885	65	67 81
Moore,	875	95	111 24
Robeson,	169	80	71 75
Richmond,	37	54	32 23
Montgomery,	124	23	18 28
Total,	2850	428	$378 49

Respectfully Submitted,
J. H. COLTON, Colporteur.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST, OCT. 1, 1887, TO APRIL 1, 1888.

According to direction of Presbytery I have continued to preach one Sunday in the month at Cypress, China Grove and Longstreet. I have visited all the families in each but two or three in Cypress. There is growth in the field in the grace of worship, both in personal attendance and contributions. For Systematic Benevolence they have contributed during the whole year, $82.07, and for all purposes about $400. China Grove averages per member about $2.75, and Longstreet $1.75. I have received for the year, of the $300 expected of them by Presbytery, $239.50; from voluntary contributions for special services in Cypress and Longstreet, at the churches Sunday afternoons, and week days at Johnsonville, Long school house, and one point beyond the field, I have received $30.74.

It was expected that Cypress would pay $125; they have paid $100, and the session and deacons stoutly assert that they can not pay more than $100. Cypress has, all told, 130 members, and yet they are weak compared with most other churches. They might, however, do all that Presbytery expects if they had proper pastoral work or a canvass by deacons and elders.

Besides this regular work, I have preached one Sunday at Dunn and Averasboro; one week day or Sunday afternoon monthly at Long school house, for which they paid me $5.25; one Sunday at McMillan's Chapel, and Godwin in Bluff, one at Priest's Chapel near Manly, one Sunday at Troy and Wadeville, and one other at Troy for which they contributed $3; one Sunday at Bethesda, one at Cameron, one at Buffalo and Sanford.

In reviewing my work as Evangelist it is a question in my mind whether I am doing the work in the right way; whether, in supplying regular organized churches, I am doing the proper work of an evangelist; whether, too, only one or two points would not be better served in my general work. Permit me to ask, too, your venerable Body whether it is wise to keep a man on the road day after day in selling books, and then send him on Sunday with a message to represent you "in the regions beyond," or to build up the feeble churches.

I have received on examination during six months, 3; baptized 9 infants and 1 adult. I have traveled or worked 101 days, viz.:—

Counties.	*Miles of Travel.*	*No. of Visits.*	*Times of Preaching.*
Cumberland,	417	87	18
Harnett,	427	49	19
Moore,	573	90	6
Robeson,	73	37	1
Richmond,	17	41	
Montgomery,	77	18	3
Amounts,	1574	323	47

Respectfully Submitted,
J. H. COLTON, Evangelist.

The committee appointed at last meeting of Presbytery to draft rules for visiting committees were allowed till fall meeting to make report.

SESSIONAL RECORDS.

The committee on sessional records reported as follows, viz.: Antioch, with exceptions; Ashpole, same; Barbacue, same; Bethesda, same; Bensalem, same; Philadelphus, same; Bethel, same.

On motion, resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to prepare and report to next Presbytery, rules for the guidance of clerks of church sessions in making reports to Presbytery, viz.: Rev. Messrs. A. L. Phillips, H. G. Hill, D. D., and Dr. John Shaw.

Sessional records approved: Bluff, with exceptions; Big Rockfish, approved; Centre, Carthage, Buffalo and Cameron, approved; Harmony, approved and name changed to Ellerbe Springs; Euphronia, approved; Flat Branch, Galatia, Fayetteville, approved.

The following commissioners to the General Assembly, viz.: Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., principal, and Rev. J. H. Colton, alternate;

and Ruling Elder J. W. McLauchlin of Bethel church, principal, and Capt. William Black, Ruling Elder of Maxton church, alternate.

Resolved: That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to make necessary arrangements to hold our annual S. S. Convention in August next, to consist of Rev. J. Evans, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy and J. E. Elliott.

Home Misssions committee, of which Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., is chairman, submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz.:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Missions committee would report as follows for the year ending April 1st, 1888.

1. *As to Ministerial Support.*—The Presbytery has at present, eighteen ordained ministers. One of these has no charge of churches within our bounds, but is engaged in teaching. Four others have charges occupying them a part of the time. For most of the past year fifteen laboring ministers, including our evangelist, fully employed by paying charges, have been promised an average salary of $861. Two of these, however, have died during the winter and spring.

2. *As to Contributions and Appropriations for Sustentation.*—

Balance on hand April 1st, 1887, - - - - -		$505 79
Contributed by 38 Churches and other sources during year, - - - - - - -	$350 00	
Less 25 per cent. for Assembly's Committee, -	87 50	$262 50
To be appropriated by Home Missions Committee,		$768 29

APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN 1887.

For Rev. J. H. Colton's field - - - - - - -	$150 00
“ Rev. J. P. McPherson's field - - - - -	50 00
“ Rev. Jos. Evans (supply Rockingham) - -	8 00
“ McPhatters' Church (colored) - - - - -	50 00
“ Rev. A. McMillan (supply Mt. Carmel) - -	10 00
“ Candidate K. A. McLeod (advanced for Harmony and Mt. Carmel) - - - - - -	25 00
Whole amount - - - - - -	$293 00

These appropriations have been fully paid.

APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN 1888.

For Rev. J. H. Colton's field - - - - -	$150 00
" Rev. J. P. McPherson's field - - - - -	50 00
" Completing Johnston's Mills Chapel - -	50 00
" Building Red Springs Church - - - - -	50 00
" Aiding Bethlehem Church - - - -	25 00
" Rev. A. Currie's field - - - - - -	50 00
Whole amount - - - - - -	$375 00

These appropriations will be needed should the recommendations of the committee be adopted at this meeting of Presbytery.

Amount to the credit of Sustentation after deducting appropriations actually paid, $475.29.

Some supplies for vacant churches may have to be paid fully, or in part, the $10 per Sabbath promised them.

Some other fields that have made no application for help may have to be aided to secure settled pastors.

Twenty-five per cent. of our receipts for Sustentation must be appropriated to feeble churches in other Presbyteries, under the care of our General Assembly.

3. *As to Contributions and Appropriations for Evangelistic Work.*—

The Treasurer reports balance on hand April 1, 1887,		$134 93
39 Churches and other sources gave during year	$295 87	
Less 25 per cent. for Assembly's Committee, -	73 96	
		$221 91
To be appropriated, - - - - -		$356 84
Paid Rev. J. H. Colton as Evangelist for one year, to April 1st, 1888, - - - - - -		$200 00
Amount to the credit of white Evangelistic fund after deducting appropriations paid, - - - -		$156.84

4. *As to Colored Evangelistic Fund.*—

Balance on hand April 1st, 1887, - - - - -	$ 56 89
26 Churches and one S. S. contributed during year,	178 52
Amount to its credit April 1st, 1888, - - - -	$235 41
Appropriated for McPhatter and Mountain Grove colored churches, - - - - - - -	$ 50 00

5. *As to Invalid Fund.*—Balance on hand April 1, 1887,	$ 18 50
37 Churches and one S. S. contributed during year, -	179 26
Whole amount, - - - - - -	$197 76
An appropriation from this fund was asked for Rev. J. P. McPherson, for the current year, and has been fully paid, amounting to - - - -	$ 30 00
Balance to be sent Assembly's committee April 1, 1888,	$167 76

6. *As to Supplies for Vacant Churches.*—

Antioch, D. Fairley, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Philadelphus, Joseph Evans, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Pee Dee, Wm. S. Lacy, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Sharon, A. R. Shaw, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Mt. Carmel, N. T. Bowden, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Rockingham, A. N. Ferguson, one Sabbath and Sacraments; A. L. Phillips, one Sabbath; H. G. Hill, one Sabbath.

Lumberton, H. G. Hill, one Sabbath and Sacraments; D. Fairley, one Sabbath; D. D. McBryde, one Sabbath; A. L. Phillips, one Sabbath.

Mark's Creek, A. McMillan, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Laurinburg, A. N. Ferguson, one Sabbath; A. McQueen, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Your committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That Candidate J. M. Clark aid Rev. Hector McLean at Philadelphus, Antioch, and Red Springs, and this field pay him at the rate of $10 for each week of service rendered during his vacation.

2. That Candidate K. A. McLeod conduct religious services three-fourths of the time for Pee Dee and Sharon Churches, in Bro. K. M. McIntyre's field, and give the remaining time to mission points in Montgomery county, on a compensation of $10 per each week of services, from the field and from the white Evangelistic fund for the mission work, and that this field secure a permanent pastor by fall if possible.

3. That Rev. J. H. Colton supply Longstreet, Cypress, and China Grove one Sabbath each in the month, the Churches paying him $300, and the Sustentation fund $150, and that he be Evangelist and Colporteur in Moore and Montgomery counties for remainder of the time and receive from Evangelistic fund $250 per annum. We also recommend that the visiting committees of the churches he supplies attend to collecting any arrears due him.

4. That $50 be appropriated from the Sustentation fund to Bro. J. P. McPherson's field.

5. That $50 be appropriated from Sustentation fund to aid in completing Johnston's Mills Chapel, below Sherwood Church.

6. That $50 be appropriated to aid in building a church at Red Springs.

7. That $25 be appropriated to aid Bethlehem Church in having preaching once a month.

8. That $50 be appropriated from the colored Evangelistic fund to aid McPhatter and Mountain Grove colored churches in employing Rev. Reuben C. James, a colored minister from South Carolina, in preaching for them this year.

9. That Candidate, —— Gammon be employed to aid Bro. A. M. Watson during the summer months in Bethesda and Bethel Churches, on a compensation of $10 per week's service, from the Churches, and that these Churches pay the remainder of salary promised A. M. Watson, after deducting this amount paid Mr. Gammon.

10. That Macedonia, Bensalem, Mark's Creek and Culdee Churches be supplied for one year by Rev. A. Currie, and that an appropriation of $50 be made to this field from the Sustentation fund.

11. That Bro. N. T. Bowden supply Mt. Carmel Church once a month until fall meeting of Presbytery, for such compensation as the Church may be able to give.

12. That Bros. D. D. McBryde, Dr. Neill McKay, and A. L. Phillips preach twice each at Dunn, before the next meeting of Presbytery, expenses to be paid from Evangelistic fund.

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. HILL, Chairman.

Dr. Hill's report was accepted and considered seriatim, and pending the discussion of the same, on motion, the Presbytery took up the special order for the hour, viz.: The examination of A. K. Pool, a member of Mineral Springs church, and J. G. Conoby, a member of Antioch church, applicants to be taken under the care of Presbytery, which examination, as to religious experience and motives for seeking the gospel ministry, on motion, was deemed satisfactory, and they were received, and their names ordered to be enrolled as candidates for the gospel ministry. It is proper to state that all these young men were examined with closed doors.

On motion, resolved, that a member be appointed to write to Rev. K. M. McIntyre, expressing the sense of Presbytery of their loss in his absence from meetings; their regret for his continued ill health and their earnest prayer that he will soon be restored to his usual health and vigor. Rev. Joseph Evans was appointed to write to Bro. McIntyre.

On motion, Presbytery took recess to 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 2.30 P.M.

Presbytery met after recess.

The Special Committee on Minutes of General Assembly, and Communication of the Stated Clerk, reported as follows:—

TO THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE:

By my error in transcribing the Minutes of the last Assembly for publication, that body is made to decline to send down to the Presbyteries the amendment to the Form of Government proposed by the Presbytery of Lexington.

You are hereby notified of the error, and the proposed amendment is submitted for your consideration, viz.: "That chapter V., sec. 6, par. 5, of Form of Government, be amended, by striking out the words, "by consent of the majority of the Presbyteries," and adding after the word, "church," the following provision for Organic Union with such other bodies of like faith and order, (there being no such provision in our book,) viz.: "And when organized union with other bodies of like faith and order shall be proposed, to appoint a committee to arrange plans and terms of union with such other bodies, whose report shall receive the recommendation of the Assembly to which it is made, the concurrence of at least two-thirds of the Presbyteries, and the enactment of the subsequent Assembly." Respectfully,

ROBT. P. FARRIS,
St. Louis, March 5th, 1888. Permanent Clerk.

The committee recommend the adoption of the overture sent down by the Assembly.

Whereas, we regard the written minutes, as certified by the Permanent Clerk, and not the printed minutes, as the proper attest of the Assembly's action;

Therefore, The committee recommend the adoption of the overture sent down by the Assembly as certified by the Permanent Clerk. The Book will then read as follows: The General Assembly shall have power to receive under its jurisdiction, with the consent of a majority of the Presbyteries, other ecclesiastical bodies, whose organization is conformed to the doctrine and order of the church; "And when organic union with other bodies of like faith and order shall be proposed, to appoint a committee to arrange plans and terms of union with such other bodies, whose report shall receive the recommendation of the Assembly to which it is made, the concurrence of at least two-thirds of the Presbyteries, and the enactment of the subsequent Assembly.

Signed by

J. S. BLACK,
H. G. HILL,
Adopted. J. A. McALLISTER.

On motion, it was resolved to take steps to raise one thousand dollars for evangelistic work, and that the matter be referred to the Committee on Home Missions to report to this meeting of Presbytery a plan to raise the same.

Committees on Sessional Records reported as follows, viz.: That Lumberton, Lumber Bridge and Laurinburg, approved, and McPherson's, Lebanon and Mark's Creek, approved with exceptions.

A letter from Prof. J. E. Kelly was introduced and partly read, when the reading was suspended.

Presbytery took recess until 7.45 this evening, when Rev. A. L. Phillips, Agent of Foreign Missions, will present his report.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7.45.

Presbytery met after recess, when the report was read, interesting addresses made, and $25.05 collected for Foreign Missions. After which Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at 9.30 to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 14, 1888.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Finance committee presented their report which was accepted, and will be found printed in the appendix, and the money ordered to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

The committee on Systematic Beneficence reported, which report was accepted and ordered to be published in the appendix to the minutes.

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, agent of Sunday Schools, submitted his report, which was accepted and approved and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes, and a copy be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Resolved: That hereafter, at each meeting of Presbytery a minister shall be appointed to preach the following meeting of Presbytery a Presbyterial sermon on some point in the polity or doctrines of the Presbyterian Church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The committee on the Minutes of Synod submitted their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

Your committee would report that they have examined the minutes of Synod, its 74th annual session:

1. We would recommend as on page 103, the adoption by Presbytery of Resolution 5, "That churches and committees be urged to establish and maintain, wherever practicable, classical schools for the preparation of young men for entrance into college."

2. We recommend, as on page 125, in reference to endowment of Union Seminary, that Presbytery urge all its pastors and supplies, at as early a day as practicable, to present the claims of the Seminary to their congregations.

3. We would also call attention to the fact, that Synod recommends sessions and Deacons make a canvass of their congregations to get a contribution from everybody: and as on page 129, That Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. A. R. Shaw, and Ruling Elder, George P. McNeill, are appointed a committee to superintend this work of collections within our bounds.

4. As to simultaneous meetings on the first Sabbath in May in behalf of Foreign Missions (see p. 129), we recommend that all our ministers preach that day on Foreign Missions, and that all our churches have a prayer meeting specially in behalf of Foreign Missions, and that they take up a collection for this cause, either in their regular worship, or in the prayer meeting.

J. H. COLTON, Committee.

The records of Rockingham Church session approved with exceptions.

On motion, Mr. E. F. McRae was appointed on the Committee of Education, to supply the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. J. H. Coble.

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy presented his report as Treasurer, which was approved and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the Minutes, when examined and approved by the Auditing Committee.

The Treasurer's report was referred to the Auditing Committee with the books to be examined, and when approved, the books and balance to the credit of the Treasurer to be turned over to Treasurer McAllister.

James Dalrymple was placed upon the Auditing Committee.

On motion, Presbytery ordered a new Auditing Committee. Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. A. H. McLeod, W. S. Norment and N. A. McLean, to enter upon their duties after the close of this meeting of Presbytery.

The agent of Foreign Missions was, on motion, allowed to withdraw the first suggestion of his report recommitted to him last night, and the report was then adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The ecclesiastical year just closed has witnessed great progress in the work of carrying the gospel of the Son of God to the destitute and ill-taught nations of the earth.

1. Barriers have been removed, and those that remain are rapidly disappearing. Practically every nation on earth can be approached with the gospel without great danger to life. Amongst most nations the people will permit free intercourse with missionaries. Notions which formerly were counted as little better than brutes, and nations once too proud and aristocratic to listen to the claims of Jesus of Nazareth, and who punished apostacy with death, alike listen to the story of the Cross. Finally, obstacles which the church put in its own path, such as prejudice, ignorance and unbelief, are rapidly disappearing before knowledge, faith and charity.

For many long years the church prayed that the Lord would cause the nations to open the doors of their lands, their homes and their hearts to the gospel. The prayer has been answered.

2. The number of laborers in the harvest has been materially increased, and is constantly increasing. There are now in this country alone about 2400 young men who have offered themselves as foreign missionaries. The mission force of our own church South "has been increased during the past year by the addition of four ordained men, one medical missionary, and four ladies—9 in all. There are now nine persons," writes Dr. Houston, "either under appointment or to be appointed next month, who will go to the field, God willing, in the early fall." Many years did the church pray "the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest." The Lord has answered this prayer.

3. The barriers have been broken down, the doors stand open, the laborers are ready to go. Why stand we, the great body of the church, with purses closed? New opportunities are constantly being presented. See a few of the many thousands of eloquent facts. There are 856 millions of heathens, not to mention others. "Two hundred and fifty millions of women depend for the gospel upon the women of the Protestant Church of America." "There are 1500 counties in China without a single missionary." "There is but one missionary to a half million heathen." Stanley crossed Africa, travelling 7000 miles, without meeting a single native that had ever heard of Jesus.

What does the church at large give in money to meet these urgent demands? Says one, "nine-tenths of the contributions to Foreign Missions are given by *one-tenth* of the church membership, while only one-half of the membership give anything. The average amount per member is fifty cents per annum,—only the seventh part of a cent per day for the conversion of a thousand millions of heathen!" In Fayetteville Presbytery the average per member is about 52 cents. But our force has been increased and it is imperatively necessary to increase it still more. So the Lord's opportunity is upon the church. Shall not the Lord's opportunity be ours? A great crisis is upon the church. The pillar of cloud and of fire leads onward; shall not the host of God's elect follow with shouts of victory?

There is much to encourage us. The Bible is circulated very widely, having already been translated into 250 languages and dialects. Women's Missionary Societies are being rapidly increased. The Young Men's Christian Association has formally inaugurated

Foreign branches. The English language is being diffused throughout all nations, greatly facilitating intercourse. Wonderful revivals of religion, almost rivaling Pentecoste, are frequent in heathen lands. "The increase in membership in heathen lands is thirty times greater than at home, in proportion to number of ministers employed, although the tests of discipleship are of the most trying nature." But better than all other encouragement is the precious Word of God,—"Ask of me, and I shall give to thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."—Ps. 2, 8.

The attention of Presbytery is most respectfully directed to the following facts:—

1. The increase of mission force will necessitate an increase of contributions from our churches.

2. The last General Assembly (see minutes p.242) appointed the 1st Sabbath in June next as "Children's Day—a Missionary Festival." Dr. Houston has prepared a programme of exercises for this occasion, copies of which will be sent *free* to those who will use them.

3. The *Missionary*, which has been greatly enlarged and beautified, is most useful and edifying. On page 98 of the March *Missionary* is an advertisement of "Missionary Leaflets," of which our Executive Committee now has 31 kinds at very low prices.

4. "*The Missionary Review of the World*," edited by Drs. Pierson & Sherwood, and published at $3.00 per annum by Messrs. Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, N. Y., has been enthusiastically welcomed by the church at home and abroad, and gives a comprehensive view of the mission work of all evangelical churches.

5. *The Crisis of Missions*, by Dr. A. T. Pierson, is a book full of eloquence, and will stimulate any one's interest in this great work.

The following recommendations are respectfully but most earnestly submitted to Presbytery for adoption:—

1. That the following sums be suggested to the churches as the sums which each should raise the coming year for Foreign Missions:—Antioch, $18; Philadelphus, $5; Barbacue, $5; Salem, $3; Tirza, $8; Flat Branch, $8; Bluff, $50; Sardis, $50; Carthage, $80; Union, $80; Cameron, $7; Culdee, $5; St. Andrews, $25; Pisgah, $5; White Hill, $5; Ashpole, $385; Iona, $80; Lebanon, $5; Lumber Bridge, $110; Laurinburg, $270; Center, $160; Maxton, $250; Bethlehem, $2; Church of Covenant, $5; Galatia, $30; Sandy Grove, $30; McPherson, $4; Longstreet, $7; Cypress, $6; China Grove, $15; Bethel, $205; Laurel Hill, $115; Smyrna, $60; Montpelier, $30; Pee Dee, $3; Sharon, $8; Ben-Salem, $10; Macedonia, $135; Buffalo, $100; Euphronia, $140; Jonesboro, $85; Big Rockfish, $40; St. Pauls, $60; Lumberton, $70; Mt. Tabor, $8; Sherwood, $5; Fayetteville, $125; Bethesda, $70; Mark's Creek, $8; Mineral Spring, $75; Mt. Carmel, $5; Rockingham, $5.

2. That the following churches which did not contribute in 1886, be urged to attend to this duty; Barbacue, Salem, Galatia, Pee Dee, Ben-Salem, Mark's Creek.

3. That churches where there are not already such societies be urged to organize Ladies' and Children's Missionary Societies.

Ordered by Presbytery that Rev. A. L. Phillips, Agent of Foreign Missions, be allowed to draw $5 from the funds contributed by Fayetteville church for Foreign Missions, to be used in supplying printing for the use of Foreign Missions.

The Stated Clerk of Presbytery submitted the statistical report to the General Assembly, which was approved, and the Stated Clerk directed to make such amendments and alterations as the materials in his hands may require, and send a copy to the General Assembly.

CALLS AND SUPPLIES.

The committee on calls and supplies reported, which report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

The committee on Calls and Supplies would report that the call of the Church of Phillippi for one-fourth of the time of Rev. A. McQueen as stated supply, on a salary of $150 per annum, be granted.

Also, that the request from Union, Carthage and Cameron, for one-half of the time of Rev. A. R. Shaw, as stated supply for six months on a salary of $200, be granted.

The committee to install Rev. A. R. Shaw pastor of Mineral Spring church, reported that they performed that duty, which was accepted.

THE HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Reported as follows on the matter of raising $1000 for the evangelistic work, viz.:

The Home Missions committee to which was referred the resolution respecting the raising of $1000 for evangelization in the Presbytery, would report as follows:

Whereas, the Presbytery of Fayetteville has for some years raised not more than $300 for the evangelistic fund; and

Whereas, the needs and prospective developments and increasing population of Montgomery county make it an important field of missionary effort; and

Whereas, this county has only two Presbyterian churches, and a portion of Moore county, and some other growing centres of population in other parts of our territory are destitute of our church ordinances; Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That all our churches and church officers be urged to make a diligent effort to raise, during the current year, at least $1000 for evangelization within our own bounds.

Resolved, 2d, That Presbytery suggests to each of our church sessions the appointment of a church member, or officer, to act as the agent for raising in each congregation an amount for this purpose, equal to at least double the amount of the Presbyterial assessment of the church.

Resolved, 3d, That all our ministers read this paper to their people from the pulpit, and that a copy be sent to the *N. C. Presbyterian* for publication. H. G. HILL, Chairman.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Pending the discussion of the above, Presbytery took up the special order for this hour, viz.: the reading of a memorial sketch of Rev. John H. Coble, by Rev. A. N. Ferguson, and of the Rev. Martin McQueen, by the Rev. D. D. McBryde. After the reading of which, addresses were made by Rev. N. McKay, D. D., Rev. J. P. McPherson, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Rev. James McQueen, Rev. A. L. Phillips, Rev. D. D. McBryde, and Rev. A. N. Ferguson, which were adopted by a rising vote, and prayer by Rev. D. Fairley.

REV. JOHN H. COBLE.

Rev. John Hannah Coble, who was transferred from the church militant to the church triumphant on Sabbath afternoon, January 15, 1888, was born in Guilford county, April 14, A. D. 1829. He was the son of George and Theresa Coble. He graduated at the State University in 1857, and pursued his Theological course at Princeton Seminary, N. J. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Louisiana, in January, 1860, and for a year or more was pastor of Bethany church in said Presbytery. Owing to failing health he gave up this charge and returned to his native State.

Early in the year 1862, he took charge of Centre church in Fayetteville Presbytery, was installed pastor thereof in 1863, and continued to serve said church, giving the whole of his time thereto, until the close of 1871.

In January, 1872, he commenced preaching at Laurinburg church, giving half of his time thereto, and continued thus to supply this church until November, 1879, when he was installed pastor thereof for two-thirds of his time. In the meantime, he also preached in connection with Laurinburg, and at Rockingham; he preached at Bethel three years and at Montpelier three years.

In 1881 he commenced preaching at Laurinburg the whole of his time, and thus continued unto the close of his ministerial services on earth. During all the years that he labored, his devotion to his people was that of an earnest, faithful and loving shepherd for his flock. He had much of the spirit of the Master, was bold and fearless in the presentation of gospel truth, and at the same time, gentle and sympathetic.

He was a close student and an independent thinker. He was decided in his choice and when convinced that he was in the path of duty there was no turning him therefrom. Amongst this devoted people the utmost harmony prevailed, and this attachment for him continued to grow stronger and stronger.

In his death, we, as a Presbytery, are called to mourn the loss of a zealous, faithful and conscientious co-laborer; and one of no ordinary capacity or ability. But thanks be to God, our loss is his eternal gain. Of this we have the fullest assurance both from the life which he lived and the death he died.

In his life he manifested the power of godliness, and for him death had no terrors. As a Presbyter we would bear testimony to the courage, the faithfulness, the zeal and devoted piety of our greatly lamented and much beloved brother; and would extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved widow and fatherless children, praying that He who is the judge of the widow, and a father of the fatherless, may be their stay and support here on earth and bring them all at last to himself in glory. Through this sad and mysterious Providence, we who remain behind are reminded that here we have "no abiding place or continuing city," and are admonished to "work while it is day, for the night cometh in which no man can work."

REV. MARTIN McQUEEN.

Rev. Martin McQueen was born in Robeson county, N. C., September 26, 1826, and died March 24, 1888. He was the son of Donald and Catharine McQueen.

His literary course was taken at Davidson College, where he graduated in 1851. The same year he entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia S. C., and completed the regular course in Theology in 1854, having been licensed to preach, by Fayetteville Presbytery, the preceding year.

His first field of ministerial labor was in the Greensboro church, where the Lord placed the seal of his approbation upon his ministry, by giving him many souls as his hire. His next charge was the feeble churches in upper Richmond and Montgomery counties, where again he had the pleasure of seeing the work of the Lord prospering in his hands.

In 1859, when the enterprise of starting a Second church in Wilmington was undertaken, such was the estimate of Mr. McQueen's ministerial efficiency that he was called to take charge of this infant church. After two and one-half years of faithful and laborious work for this church, attended with encouraging success, the vicissitudes of the war then pending devolved upon him the pastoral care of the First church also. With unwavering trust in the promises of divine assistance he ministered to these two congregations, where his abundant labors redounded to the glory of God in their spiritual growth and edification.

In 1864, Mr. McQueen was called to his last charge in Moore county, where after serving Union and Carthage churches for twenty-three years the Lord called him to his reward. During this period he ministered to Buffalo and Bethesda churches for several years, and was instrumental in the organization of the church at Cameron, and also Culdee church. Who can doubt that when the Master called him it was to the rest that remaineth to the people of God? May we not suppose that the angels round about the throne of God shouted, in welcoming chorus, "Servant of God well done"?

The loss of such a man is painfully felt. The four churches left vacant by his death mourn for him as a father in Israel,—as a man of God. With them and the so sorely bereaved and orphaned children of this beloved brother, we would mingle our tears, and for them we would invoke the tender compassion and the guardian care of the God of covenant and mercy.

Mr. McQueen was devoted to his ministerial calling. His strength of mind and body was given to the church. He was instant in season and out of season. Warm hearted and fervent, his preaching was with unction and with great power. He might very properly be called a revivalist. He loved to preach the precious gospel, and his delight was in winning souls for Christ. Many churches in this Presbytery can testify, by a blessed experience, that God owned the labors of Mr. McQueen in the conversion of multitudes, who will be stars in the Savior's crown of glory forever and ever.

In placing upon our records this tribute to the memory of our departed brother, we would bear testimony to his genial disposition, his devoted friendship, his godly life and triumphant death.

VOTE OF THANKS.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would hereby tender its grateful acknowledgements to the christian families of Jonesboro for their kind and generous hospitality, to the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad authorities for courtesies extended to its members in reaching Presbytery, and to the pastors and officers of the Baptist and Methodist churches for the use of their houses of worship, and request that the pastor of Jonesboro Church read this paper from the pulpit.

It was ordered that the Treasurer be instructed not to pay any bills against the Presbyterial funds unless the funds are on hand to the credit of the Presbyterial fund.

Ordered that Presbytery direct the Treasurer to furnish the delegates to the General Assembly with a sufficient sum of money to defray their expenses to the General Assembly.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk be directed to have the usual number (300 copies) of the Minutes published, and that he have the work done by the lowest bidder.

Ordered that the Treasurer notify all the churches in arrears for the Presbyterial fund of the fact of their arrearages, and urge them to pay up the assessments due.

On motion, the Minutes of this morning were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Ellerbe Springs church on Wednesday, October 10, 1888, at 12 o'clock M.

Closed with singing, and prayer by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and the benediction.

A. R. SHAW,
Moderator.

J. A. CAMERON, } Temporary Clerks.
D. MCINTYRE, }

[Attest] J. P. MCPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

PRO RE NATA MEETING.

JONESBORO, N. C., May 29, 1888.

Presbytery was constituted by prayer by the Moderator, Rev. A. R. Shaw.

Rev. J. H. Colton was appointed Clerk pro tem.

Present, Rev. J. P. McPherson, Rev. Jas. McQueen, Rev. W. S. Lacy, Rev. J. H. Colton, Rev. A. R. Shaw. Ruling Elders—Salem, Dr. J. L. Shephard; Euphronia, Wm. Campbell; Buffalo, E. McGilvary; Jonesboro, J. R. Watson.

A call from the second Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Va., for the services of Rev. W. S. Lacy, was read, and the Commissioners of said church, Messrs. W. D. Reynolds, D. Humphreys and Luther Sheldon, presented their claims in writing.

The call offers him $1500 in monthly payments, and in all respects it is attested as in due order by Rev. W. A. Campbell, S. C. of East Hanover Presbytery.

Rev. W. S. Lacy was called upon by the Moderator to express his views as to the call. Bro. Lacy signified that duty required him to accept the call.

Euphronia church, by its Commissioners, G. Cole and D. M. Underwood, presented their letter signifying the consent of Euphronia church to the dissolution.

Jonesboro church, by its Commissioner, J. R. Watson, signified by letter read, the consent of their church.

Buffalo church, by its Commissioner, E. McGilvary, verbally expressed the action of said church, consenting to the dissolution.

On motion, the request of Rev. W. S. Lacy, that the pastoral relation existing between himself, Buffalo, Euphronia, and Jonesboro churches be dissolved, was granted.

On motion, the request of Rev. W. S. Lacy, that he be dismissed to East Hanover Presbytery, was granted.

Rev. A. R. Shaw was appointed chairman of S. S. Committee.

Capt. Jas. D. McIver, of Carthage church, was appointed Trustee of Davidson College, to fill the vacancy occasioned by Brother Lacy's leaving.

Rev. A. R. Shaw, for Buffalo, Rev. A. N. Ferguson, for Euphronia, and Rev. D. Fairley, for Jonesboro, were appointed to preach at said churches and declare the churches vacant.

Minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned. Closed with prayer and the benediction.

A. R. SHAW, Moderator.

J. H. COLTON, Clerk, *pro tem.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

Your Committee would report that of the seven candidates now under your care, three are pursuing their collegiate course at Davidson College, one at South-Western Presbyterian University, one at Hampden Sidney, and two are in Union Theological Seminary. So far as your Committee are informed through reports received from the faculties of these institutions, the general deportment of your candidates is good, and in the main their progress in study is commendable. All of them, during the present year, are to receive the maximum amount of aid promised by the General Assembly's Committee at Memphis.

The Presbytery, at its last meeting, agreed by a unanimous vote to raise for the cause of education $750.00. Of this amount $277.14 have come into the hands of the Treasurer, contributed by 37 churches, leaving 16 churches which have, as yet, reported no contributions for this cause since last fall meeting. Some of these, however, may perhaps send in their contributions during the present sessions.

Of the churches that have sent in their contributions, eight have contributed their proportional part of the amount pledged by Presbytery, viz.: Church of the Covenant, Laurel Hill, Lumber Bridge, Mineral Spring, Montpelier, Maxton, Pee Dee and Smyrna.

According to the Treasurer's report the whole amount contributed by the churches during the ecclesiastical year which has just closed is $296.60.

Your Committee would call attention to the fact that only a little over one-third of the amount pledged by the Presbytery has been received, and would recommend that the Presbytery require all the delinquent churches to send in contributions at as early a date as possible.

A. N. FERGUSON, } Committee.
J. S. BLACK, }

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Finance Committee, beg leave to make the following report to Presbytery, to-wit: It has received from the different churches,

Sustentation,	$17.32
Publication,	22.81
Churches,	57.41
Ladies' Society,	66.59
Sunday School,	30.75
Invalid Fund,	2.46
Colportage,	2.27
Evangelistic Fund,	6.87
Tuscaloosa,	4.35
Education,	15.04
Colored Fund,	3.07
Presbyterial,	257.23
Total amount,	$494.87

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. J. BLUE, Chairman.
April 13th, 1887. M. N. McIVER.

Report of Committee on

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Sustentation.	Publication.	For'n Miss'ns. Churches.	For'n Miss'ns. Ladies' Soc'es.	Invalid Fund.	Colportage.	Evang'c Fund. White.	Evang'c Fund. Colored.	Education.	Presbyterial.	Bible Cause.	Totals.
Ashpole	$ 15 00	$ 3 00	$ 75 00	$......	$ 7 00	$.....	$ 4 00	$......	$ 9 00	$......	$....	$ 113 00
Antioch	2 56		7 30		4 51			2 30	6 38			23 05
Bethel				21 81	2 25		3 98			12 18		40 22
Bluff	8 00		30 00		10 00		10 50	3 00	5 00			66 50
Bethesda			26 50		6 50		5 75	4 00	19 00			61 75
Bensalem			2 40									2 40
Big Rockfish	5 00	3 00	8 00	8 65			2 00		3 00			29 65
Barbacue	95	95	95		96				95			4 76
Carthage	1 00	50	2 50	3 70					6 00	15 00		28 70
Buffalo	5 00	8 00	65 00		7 00		9 00	3 00	7 00	20 00		124 00
Centre	8 01	8 52	147 56		6 11	7 40	10 21	7 00	10 56			205 37
Harmony		1 60						4 35	2 55	2 83		11 33
Galatia	12 54		12 58									25 12
Fayetteville	16 05	8 75	28 25	103 12	10 97		11 64	6 06	8 92			193 76
Philadelphus	1 90	1 46	3 25		75							7 36
Laurinburg	79 86	15 23	229 93		14 91	12 63	43 17	20 90	25 38			442 01
Lumberton	4 86		26 33	32 28	5 23		1 50	9 26				79 46
Laurel Hill	52 59	17 00	169 06		10 12		53 50	19 12	27 00			348 39
Lumber Bridge	5 00	9 50	38 70	20 62	4 98		3 55		19 00			101 35
Lebanon	3 00	5 00	23 00		5 00		3 00		3 00			42 00
Montpelier	9 57	2 00	52 55		1 74		6 00	3 45	9 90			85 21
Mark's Creek	3 80	1 48	2 49						2 00			9 77
Maxton	66 50	28 66	143 05	56 95	18 45	2 02	26 36	4 15	24 38	15 00	5 91	391 43
McPherson	3 82											3 82
Mt. Tabor	4 00	1 00	5 00		2 00		2 00		5 00			19 00
Euphronia	4 00	8 00	20 00		5 00		8 00		4 00	10 00		59 00
Sharon	4 00	3 25					2 75					10 00
Sandy Grove	1 42	50	29 90				1 52					33 34
Smyrna	10 46	3 25	55 23		9 55		16 85	4 50	20 00			119 84
St. Andrews	3 35	3 00	17 00				4 00		4 00			31 35
White Hill	55	1 40	7 15		70		1 05		1 05	5 00		16 90
Sardis	2 07	7 30	19 36		3 06		4 08	3 59				39 46
Union	2 00		15 57		50		2 00		2 00	20 00		42 07
Tirzah	4 81	3 80	23 46		4 62		1 83	3 07	4 63			46 22
St. Pauls	6 00	3 00	88 50		5 00		5 00	3 00	10 00			120 50
Mineral Spring	4 80	2 36	11 14				2 00			8 00		28 30
China Grove	1 68	3 87	2 17	4 46			3 25	1 40	1 50			18 33
Jonesboro	10 00	12 00	76 00		6 00		6 00	6 00	12 00			128 00
Anonymous		1 00	6 00		2 00		2 00		1 00			12 00
Totals,	$364 15	$168 38	$1470 88	$251 59	$154 91	$22 05	$256 49	$108 15	$254 20	$108 01	$5 91	$3164 72

TABULATED REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Susten-tation.	Publi-cation.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.			Inv'd Fund.	Co por tage.	Evan-g'listic Fund.	Evan-g'c F'd -col'.d	Educa-tion.	Tusca-loosa Inst.	Presby-terial.	Total.
			Church-es.	Ladies' Societ's.	Sunday Schools.								
Centre,	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 20 00	$ 20 00
Flat Branch,		3 00										3 00	6 00
Mt. Tabor,	2 00											5 00	7 00
Big Rockfish,	3 00												3 00
St. Pauls,				15 00									15 00
Sardis,												6 78	6 78
Bluff,												12 00	12 00
McMillan's Ch'l, for Bluff										1 54			1 54
Antioch,	2 56											10 00	12 56
Galatia,			12 50									16 44	28 94
Harmony,		1 60							4 35	2 55		2 83	11 33
Bethel,			10 81									12 18	22 99
Lumber Bridge,		9 50		20 62									30 12
Ben-Salem,			1 92									10 00	11 92
Philadelphus,		1 46						1 95				4 00	7 41
McPherson,												3 00	3 00
Sandy Grove,			11 90		18 00		1 52	1 92					33 34
Macedonia,	1 00		2 00			1 00		1 00				5 00	10 00
Carthage,	1 00	50	2 50	4 90						6 00		15 00	29 90
Jackson Spring,				22 22									22 22
Tirzah,	4 81	3 80									3 07	10 00	21 68
Maxton,			14 83									15 00	29 83
Barbacue,	95	95	95			96	95			95		8 00	13 71
Pee Dee,										2 00		10 00	12 00
St. Andrews,												10 00	10 00
Laurinburg,					12 75								12 75
Laurel Hill,												20 00	20 00
Smyrna,												15 00	15 00
Montpelier,												6 00	6 00
Cameron,												3 00	3 00
Bethesda,												15 00	15 00
Union Church,	2 00	2 00		3 85		50		2 00		2 00		20 00	32 35
Totals,	$17 32	$22 81	$57 41	$66 59	$30 75	$2 46	$2 27	$6 87	$4 35	$15 04	$3 07	$257 23	$494 87

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Report of the Presbytery of Fayetteville to the General Assembly, for the year ending April 1st, 1888.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	No. on Rolls.		Av. Attend'ce		Scholars admit'd to Commu'n.	Amt. contribu'd for their own school.	Amt. contribu'd for other purposes.
	Tchrs.	Schols.	Tchrs.	Schols.			
Antioch Church	5	68	4	55	8	$	$
" Gold Hill	4	42	3	30	6		
" Allendale	3	30	2	20	1		
Ashpole	11	204	10	120		23 86	2 89
Barbacue	5	38	3	16			
Bethel Church	5	40	3	30			
" Elwood	2	29	2	22			
" Pike	4	30	4	20			
" Aberdeen	3	40	3	40			
Bethesda	3	61	2	21		18 96	
Big Rockfish (three others)	8	22	6	10	1	2 45	
Bluff	19	131	15	70	10	4 98	11 73
Buffalo	16	112	9	65	5	16 00	14 00
" Pocket	6	48	4	40	1	9 00	
Carthage	5	60	3	45		28 50	
" Cedar Springs	4	24	2	15		2 50	
China Grove	2	20	2	15			
Centre	12	125	6	45	20	54 80	8 97
Euphronia, Cedar Spring	4	22	2	12		3 00	
" Carbonton	4	25	3	18		5 00	
Fayetteville Church	17	163	14	104	21	21 76	24 52
" Mission	10	75	8	60			
Galatia	3	43	3	32		6 43	
Harmony	3	12	3	10			
Iona	5	40	3	20		6 00	
Jonesboro	8	60	5	35		25 45	20 52
Laurel Hill	6	45	5	30			15 81
Laurinburg	8	73	3	22	2	39 71	14 71
Lebanon	1	10	1	7		3 00	
Lumber Bridge	4	40	3	25	2	4 75	7 00
Lumberton	13	49	8	34	3	30 28	96 15
Macedonia	8	60	5	40			
McPherson	6	51	5	25		5 60	3 00
Maxton	15	109	13	63		70 00	7 00
Mineral Spring	4	50	2	40		6 50	
Montpelier	5	62	5	45		20 00	
Mt. Pisgah	5	55	3	40		4 25	
Mt. Tabor	2	20	2	17			
Philadelphus	4	90	3	40		1 21	
St. Andrews	9	81	6	41		3 61	
St. Pauls	8	56	5	35	4	5 50	
Sandy Grove	11	87	9	52			18 00
Sardis	5	30	4	20		3 00	
Sherwood	4	30	4	25		5 00	1 70
Smyrna	3	30	3	20	1		
Tirzah	3	15	2	10	6	1 65	2 00
Union Church	9	61	7	29		10 05	5 00
" Reedy Branch	3	20	3	12			1 00
" Ray's School House	4	26	3	20		1 50	
White Hill	8	60	8	27		4 50	
Totals,	315	2774	246	1707	91	458 80	255 00

From 39 churches we have reports of 50 Sabbath Schools. These are almost invariably under the control of sessions, visited and addressed by the pastors and supplies, and furnished with the Sunday School helps of our own church. Other lesson helps are sometimes added. The catechisms are generally taught, and the scriptures committed to a limited extent. But one Sunday School reports contributions to all objects ordered by Assembly; nearly half contribute something to foreign missions. No effort is made to teach colored people. A Sunday School Convention, under Presbyterial authority, is held annually. 15 churches make no report.

WM. S. LACY, Agent.

REPORT OF TREASURER

TREASURER'S TABULATED REPORT.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Sustentation.	Publication.	FOREIGN MISSIONS. Churches.	FOREIGN MISSIONS. Ladies' Societies.	FOREIGN MISSIONS. Sunday Schools.	FOREIGN MISSIONS. Total.	Invalid Fund.	Colportage.	Evangelistic Fund.	Education.	Tuskaloosa Inst. Evangelization of Colored People.	Bible Society.	Presbyterial.	Total.
Antioch	$......	$......	$ 7 30	$ 8 47	$......	$ 15 77	$ 4 50	$......	$......	$ 6 38	$ 2 30	$......	$ 10 00	$ 38 95
Ashpole	......	3 00	75 00	65 00	......	140 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	......	2 00	......	25 00	181 00
Bensalem	3 08	3 01	3 60	......	......	3 60	......	......	......	......	......	......	10 00	19 69
Bethel	3 59	3 25	4 90	11 00	1 63	17 53	......	......	......	3 65	......	......	6 94	34 96
Bethesda	......	......	14 50	......	......	14 50	6 50	......	5 75	19 00	4 00	......	15 00	64 75
Bethlehem	......	......	1 32	......	......	1 32	65	1 03	2 22	......	......	......	3 00	8 22
Big Rockfish	5 00	......	8 00	......	......	8 00	......	......	2 00	3 00	......	......	16 00	34 00
Bluff	8 00	......	9 45	14 00	5 68	29 13	10 00	......	8 00	5 00	5 50	4 25	15 00	84 88
Buffalo	6 00	5 00	30 00	15 00	10 00	55 00	7 00	4 00	9 00	7 00	3 00	3 00	20 00	119 00
Cameron	3 45	2 30	4 15	......	......	4 15	......	......	......	......	......	......	3 00	12 90
Carthage	3 00	2 00	6 89	13 55	......	20 44	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	......	......	15 00	46 44
Centre	7 89	4 26	23 65	81 80	24 52	129 97	6 10	7 30	10 15	......	......	......	20 00	185 67
China Grove	1 68	2 62	4 36	......	......	4 36	2 17	1 25	3 25	1 50	1 40	2 32	......	20 55
Church of the Covenant	......	2 00	24 53	......	......	24 53	......	......	3 16	8 00	......	......	5 00	42 69
Cypress	1 85	90	12 55	......	......	12 55	1 22	1 21	4 55	2 12	1 25	......	......	25 65
Culdee	......	1 55	2 05	......	......	2 05	......	......	......	3 45	......	......	5 00	12 05
Euphronia	4 00	3 00	20 00	......	......	20 00	5 00	5 00	8 00	4 00	3 00	......	10 00	62 00
Fayetteville	9 81	5 25	19 08	65 75	6 99	91 82	11 63	3 16	13 45	9 26	8 14	......	100 00	252 52
Flat Branch	3 00	1 00	5 00	......	......	5 00	1 00	......	4 00	3 00	1 00	......	3 00	21 00

Galatia	8 60													8 60
Harmony	2 26		3 05			3 05								5 31
Iona			6 00			6 00	2 00	5 00	2 00				10 00	25 00
Jonesboro	10 00	6 00	20 00	45 00	11 00	76 00	6 00	5 00	6 00	12 00	6 00	5 00		132 00
Laurel Hill	52 69	17 00	102 55	70 00	10 03	182 58	10 12	3 44	53 50	27 00	19 12	6 00	20 00	391 45
Laurinburg	52 86	15 23	161 66	68 25	14 25	244 16	14 91	12 63	42 91	25 38	20 80		25 00	453 98
Lebanon			23 00			23 00	5 00	5 00	5 00				3 00	41 00
Long Street	1 32	1 00	11 14			11 14	1 30	1 16	3 36	2 60	3 36		4 25	29 39
Lumber Bridge	13 00	5 00	31 70	8 00	7 00	46 70	5 00	4 26	3 55	19 00			10 00	106 51
Lumberton	4 86		26 33	17 83	14 45	58 61	5 23		1 50	3 52	9 96			82 98
Macedonia	1 75	1 25					1 00			1 00			5 00	10 00
McPherson	3 82								1 00				2 00	6 82
Mark's Creek	1 80		2 49			2 49			78	3 48		1 47	3 00	13 02
Maxton	56 50	25 53	123 85	62 42		186 27	18 45	2 02	26 36	24 38			15 00	354 51
Mineral Spring	4.80	2 36		25 06		25 06				11 14	2 00			45 36
Montpelier	10 38	2 00	38 55		15 00	53 55	1 74	1 46	6 85	9 96	3 45	8 27	6 00	103 66
Mt. Carmel	2 00													2 00
Mt. Pisgah	5 00	3 00	7 05			7 05	4 00		2 00	4 00	3 00		10 00	38 05
Mt. Tabor	2 00	1 00	5 00	3 25		8 25	4 00		2 00	5 00	90		5 00	28 15
Pee Dee	11 14	10 30	16 81		8 93	25 74	6 20	3 30	10 85	14 74	3 35		10 00	95 62
Philadelphus			3 25			3 25	75						6 25	10 25
Rockingham										3 40				3 40
St. Andrews	3 35	3 00	17 00			17 00			4 00	4 00			10 00	41 35
St. Pauls	6 00	3 00	50 00	23 50		73 50	5 00	4 00	5 00	10 00	3 00		15 00	124 50
Salem			4 75			4 75			3 60	1 45	1 08		6 00	16 88
Sandy Grove	2 57	2 01	18 10		11 95	30 05	1 00		1 45	4 30			4 65	46 03
Sardis	2 07	4 55	22 84	35 00		57 84	1 37	2 70	4 08		3 59		13 22	89 42
Sharon	4 00	3 25		18 70		18 70		2 30	2 75				5 00	36 00
Sherwood			1 50			1 50	1 55			1 00			6 00	10 05
Smyrna	11 46	3 85	26 48	46 75		73 23	4 55	3 90	13 25	20 00	8 10	4 53	15 00	157 87
Tirzah	4 13	2 27	23 46			23 46	4 62		6 63	4 63	1 93		10 00	57 67
Union	5 00	5 00	23 57	32 50	5 00	61 07	3 00	3 00	4 59	5 16	1 00		20 00	107 82
White Hill	1 39	1 40	7 15			7 15	1 70	95	3 33	2 10			10 00	28 02
Receipts from other sources	5 00					50 10	10 00							65 10
	350 00	157 14				1980 97	179 26	87 07	295 87	296 60	121 63	34 84	531 31	4034 69
Balance April 1, 1887	505 79	37 24				92 22	18 50	109 30	134 93		62 48	18 34	* 77 76	901 04
Total—all Sources	855 79	194 38				2073 19	197 76	196 37	430 80	296 60	184 11	53 18	453 55	4935 73
Disbursements and Expenditures	361 70	180 75				2019 64	189 00	96 23	268 64	278 52	44 52	26 38	698 95	4164 33
Balance April 1, 1888	$494 09	$ 13 63				$ 53 55	$ 8 76	$100 14	$162 16	$ 18 08	$139 59	$26 80	*$245 40 *Def.	$ 771 40

Summary of Report of Treasurer.

APRIL 1, 1888.

Aggregates—	Balance on hand at last report	$ 951 04	
	Receipts	4034 69	
			$4985 73
	Disbursements		4164 33
	Balance on hand 1st April, 1888		$821 40

Sustentation—	Balance	$ 505 79		
	Receipts	350 00	$ 855 79	
	Disbursements		361 70	
	Bal. on hand March 31, 1888			$494 09
Publication—	Balance	$ 37 24		
	Receipts	157 14	194 38	
	Disbursements		180 75	
	Bal. on hand March 31, 1888			13 63
Foreign Missions—	Balance	$ 92 22		
	Receipts	1980 97	2073 19	
	Disbursements		2019 64	
	Bal. on hand Mar. 31, 1888			53 55
Invalid Fund—	Balance	$ 18 50		
	Receipts	179 26	197 76	
	Disbursements		189 00	
	Bal. on hand Mar. 31, 1888			8 76
Colportage—	Balance	$ 109 30		
	Receipts	87 07	196 37	
	Disbursements		96 23	
	Bal. on hand March 31, 1888			100 14
Evangelistic Fund—	Balance	$ 134 93		
	Receipts	295 87	430 80	
	Disbursements		268 64	
	Bal. on hand Mar. 31, '88			162 16

Education—Balance $			
Receipts	296 60	296 60	
Disbursements		278 52	
Balance on hand Mar. 31, 1888			18 08
Tuskaloosa Institute and Evangelistic Fund (Colored)—Balance $	5 59		
Receipts	178 52	184 11	
Disbursements		44 52	
Bal. on hand March 31, 1888			139 59
Bible Cause—Balance $	18 34		
Receipts	34 84	53 18	
Disbursements		26 38	
Bal. on hand March 31, 1888			26 80
Presbyterial Fund—Deficit at last report $	77 76		
Receipts	531 31	453 55	
Disbursements		698 95	
Deficit March 31, 1888			245 40
Mizpeh Church Fund—Balance on hand at last report		50 00	
			50 00

The discrepancy apparent between the Tabulated form and the Summary is due to the balance of Mizpeh Church Fund, amounting to $50.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

WM. S. LACY, Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Since closing the report of the Treasurer for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1888, I have received the following amounts:

April 5.—	From Lumber Bridge, Presbyterial Fund	$ 10 00
7.—	From Ashpole, Education $9.00, Sustentation $15.00, Presbyterial Fund $25.00. Total	49 00
	From Maxton, Sustentation $10.00, Publication $28.66, Tuskaloosa Inst. $4.15, Foreign Missions $19.80. Total	62 61
	From Fayetteville, Evangelistic Fund 20c, Education 95c, Foreign Missions $5.90, Invalid Fund 5c, Publication $4.92, Sustentation $10.58, Tuskaloosa Inst. 65c. Total	23 25
9.—	From Cypress, Presbyterial Fund	5 93
11.—	From Ashpole Ladies' Missionary Society, Foreign Missions	91 00
	From Iona, Presbyterial Fund $10.00, Education $1.00, Publication $1.00. Total	12 00
	From Lebanon, Education $3.00, Sustentation $3.00, Publication $5.00, Presbyterial Fund $3.00. Total	14 00
	From Laurinburg, Presbyterial Fund	25 00
		$292 79

OR BY OBJECTS.

Sustentation	$ 38 58	
Publication	39 58	
Foreign Missions	116 70	
Invalid Fund	05	
Evangelistic Fund	20	
Education	13 95	
Tuskaloosa Institute	4 80	
Presbyterial Fund	78 93	
		$ 292 79
Balance on hand as per annual report, March 31, 1888		$ 821 40
Amount to be turned over to Treasurer McAllister,		$1114 19

Respectfully Submitted,

WM. S. LACY.

Jonesboro, N. C., April 12, 1888.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Auditing Committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's Books and Reports, and find them correctly kept.

The expenditures are sustained by vouchers.

According to the Annual Report we find the balance on hand March 31, 1888, $821.40.

According to Supplementary Report, the amount received to the meeting of Presbytery is $292.79. Making the amount to be turned over to Treasurer McAllister $1114.19.

JAS. DALRYMPLE, } Committee.
REDIN BRYAN, }

Jonesboro N. C., April 26, 1888.

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports to the General Assembly that it consists of eighteen Ministers, and has under its care fifty-four Churches, no Licentiates, and eleven Candidates, viz.:

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICE All in North Carolina	CHURCH.	Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examina'n.	Added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Children in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Sustentation.	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Ladies' Miss'y Society	Education.	Publication.	Pastors' Salaries Actually Paid.	Sums Actually Paid to Treas. of Presb'ry.	Congregational.	Colored Evangelistic.	Miscellaneous.	Presbyterial.
Hector McLean, P.	Melrose,	Antioch, P.	10	7	8	1	187	1	1	66	132	$ 2 56	$	4 51	$ 7 30	$	$ 6 38	$	$		$	$ 2 30	$	$
" " "	"	Philadelphus, P.	7	6	23	5	136	7	4	20	35		1 90	75	3 25			1 46						
J. P. McPherson, S. S.	Jonesboro,	Barbacue, S. S.	4	6	2	2	96	2	9	10	32	95		90 00			95	95						
" " "	"	Salem, S. S.	2	1			17																	
Neill McKay, D. D.	Lillington,	Tirza, S. S.	4	3	6	1	82	1	2	77	15	4 81	1 82	4 62	23 46		4 63	3 80	32 00		58 00		4 00	10 00
" " "	"	Flat Branch, S. S.	5	5	2		83	1	5	65	39	2 00	4 00	1 00	5 00		3 00	3 00	58 00					
A. McMillan, Col.	Laurel Hill,	Mark's Creek, S. S.	4	3	11	1	86	2	10	49		3 00			2 00		2 00	1 00				1 00		3 00
D. D. McBryde, P.	Little Riv'r Academy	Bluff, P.	5	6	19	3	204	7	5		60	8 00	10 00	10 00	30 00		5 00					5 00		
" " S. S.	" " "	Sardis, S. S.	3	3	2	1	47		5	34	28	2 00	4 00	3 00	19 00			7 30				3 00		
James McQueen, S. S.	Swann's Station,	St. Andrews, S. S.	4	5	7		130	1	9	99	81	3 00	4 00		17 00		4 00	3 00						
" " "	" "	Mt. Pisgah, S. S.	7	2	3	2	70	2	1	18	55		2 00	2 00	6 00		1 00	1 00						
" " "	" "	White Hill, S. S.	5	4	4		91	3	3	24	66	55	1 00	70	7 00		1 00	1 00	125 00					
N. T. Bowden, Teacher	Covington,																			17 00				5 00
Joseph Evans, P.	Plainview,	Ashpole, P.	9	8	11	2	300	4	32		204	15 00	4 00	7 00	75 00		9 00	3 00						
" " P.	"	Iona, P.	4	3	5		55	2	3		40													
" " S. S.	"	Lebanon, S. S.	2	2	1	1	38		2		10	3 00	3 00	5 00	23 00		3 00	5 00						
A. McQueen, S. S.	Queensdale,	Lumber Br'ge, S. S.	7	5	16		139	8		50	40	5 00	3 00	6 00	59 00		19 00	9 00						
" " S. S.	"	Phillippi, S. S.																						
H. G. Hill D.D., P.	Maxton,	Centre, P.	4	7		2	180			125	125	8 00	10 00	6 00	147 00		10 00	8 00	650 00		7 00	7 00	7 00	20 00
" " " P.	"	Maxton, P.	5	4	3	2	61		6	80	109	70 00	66 00	26 00	200 00		24 00	28 00	550 00		96 00	4 00	29 00	15 00
" " " S. S.	"	Bethlehem, S. S.																						
David Fairley, P.	Manchester,	Ch. of Covenant, P.																						
" " S. S.	"	Galatia, S. S.										12 00			12 00									
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Licensures, 1; Ordinations, 1; Installations, 3; Pastoral relations dissolved, none; Churches dissolved, none; Churches dismissed to other denominations, none. The Rev. John H. Coble and Rev. Martin McQueen have been removed by death since our last report.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

ANNUAL COLLECTIONS.

1. Home Missions, embracing these objects:
    1st. Sustentation, - - - January.
    2nd. Evangelistic Fund, - - - September.
    3rd. Colored Evangelistic Fund, - October.

When money is sent for *Home Missions*, please state for which of these objects it is intended.

2. Publication, - - - - March.
3. Foreign Missions, - - - May.
4. Invalid Fund, - - - - July.
5. Colportage, - - - - August.
6. Education, - - - - November.
7. Theological Institute for Colored Men, - December.
8. Presbyterial Fund, - due April 1st of each year.

OFFICERS.

REV. A. R. SHAW, Moderator.
REV. J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.
Jonesboro, N. C.
MR. JOHN A. McALLISTER, Treasurer.

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The Presbytery of Fayetteville met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., at the request of Rev. A. R. Shaw, retiring Moderator, from Acts VI: 4.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. A. R. Shaw.

The roll was called and the following members were found to be present, viz: Ministers, Jas. McQueen, N. T. Bowden, Jos. Evans, A. McQueen, H. G. Hill, D. D., David Fairley, J. H. Colton, J. S. Black, A. L. Phillips and A. R. Shaw.

Ruling Elders, A. A. Graham, Antioch; Neill Graham, Bethesda; K. M. Currie, Bensalem; D. McMillan, Big Rockfish; D. McLeod, Carthage; J. H. Forbis, Ellerbe Springs; A. M. McKinnon, Laurinburg; D. W. McDonald, Mineral Springs; W. G. McLeod, Mt. Pisga; A. J. Goodman, Rockingham; D. J. Gillis, Sandy Grove; R. M. Smith, St. Andrews; M. A. Monroe, Union; J. B. McFayden, Philippi.

Rev. D. Fairley was chosen Moderator, and Rev. A. L. Phillips and Ruling Elder Neill Graham, temporary clerks.

On motion, Presbytery took recess till 3:30 p. m.

Presbytery met at 3:30 p. m., when the Moderator announced the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises, Rev. A. R. Shaw and J. H. Forbis.

On Narrative to Synod, Rev. A. McQueen and D. McLeod.

On Minutes of General Assembly, Rev. J. S. Black and A. A. Graham.

On Calls and Supplies, Rev. N. T. Bowden, Rev. J. H. Colton and D. J. Gillis.

On Bills and Overtures, Rev. H. G. Hill and D. W. McDonald.

On Systematic Beneficence, Rev. Jos. Evans and L. B. McFayden.

On Finance, A. M. McKinnon and M. A. Monroe.

On nominations, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and A. J. Goodman.

A letter from Rev. J. P. McPherson, Stated Clerk, was read giving satisfactory reasons for absence.

A call from Laurinburg church for the pastoral services of Rev. Chalmers Moore was read and referred to the committee on Calls and Supplies.

Written requests from Union and Carthage churches for the services of Rev. A. R. Shaw, as stated supply, with a view to a call to the pastorate, were read and referred to the committee on Calls and Supplies.

Rev. Chalmers Moore, of the Presbytery of East Hanover, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. K. M. McIntyre and Ruling Elder Hector McMillan, of Mt. Tabor church, appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

A letter from Rev. J. P. McPherson inclosing a bill for blanks was referred to the special committee on blanks already appointed. (See Spring Minutes, page 8.)

The special committee on rules for guidance of Visitation committees, was authorized to report on the whole subject of Visitation.

Revs. H. G. Hill, D. D., K. McIntyre, James McQueen and Ruling Elder, A. M. McKinnon were added to this committee.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. N. T. Bowden till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 10 A. M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Yesterday's minutes were read and approved. A certificate of dismissal of Rev. Chalmers Moore from the Presbytery of East Hanover was read. He was examined on Experimental Religion, Theology and Church Government. These examinations being sustained severally and as a whole, Rev. Chalmers Moore was enrolled as a member of Presbytery: he being allowed to sign the Presbyterial obligation when the book is accessible.

The report of the Agent on visitation was read and adopted. The following is the report:

Your agent for Presbyterial Visitation, would report as follows: According to Presbyterial instructions, he addressed a card to the chairman of each visiting committee, with the following results:

From 1st District, Rev. D. Fairley, chairman, no report received.

From 2nd District, Rev. N. McKay, D. D., chairman, reports that there has been no meeting of their visiting committee since last fall.

From 3rd District, Rev. D. D. McBryde, chairman, no report given.

From 4th District, Rev. A. N. Ferguson, chairman, reports Bethel church as visited.

From 5th District, Rev. J. H. Coble, deceased, chairman, no report.

From 6th District, Rev. Jos. Evans, chairman, reports no visiting done during the year.

It is apparent from these statements that the visiting committees have failed to perform their duties, and that this plan of exercising Presbyterial over-sight in regard to our churches has accomplished little during the year. Some of the visiting committees are disorganized by the death or infirmity of their members, and the Nominating committee of the Presbytery this fall, will have to suggest persons to fill vacancies. Respectfully submitted,

H. G. Hill, Agent.

Rev. Chalmers Moore was appointed in Rev. W. S. Lacy's place on the special committee on Revision of the Presbyterial Manual; and the committee was instructed to report at the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Report of committee on Minutes of General Assembly was adopted serviatim and as a whole, and is as follows, viz:

The committee on Minutes of General Assembly would respectfully present the following report:

1. That this Presbytery approve the action of the General Assembly in appointing a committee to formulate the views of the church on temperance.

2. That this Presbytery approve the action of the Assembly in the Woodrow matter.

3. That this Presbytery commend to its churches the colportage work of the Assembly.

4. That this Presbytery approve the direction of the Assembly as touching Systematic Beneficence.

5. That the Presbytery approve the action of the Assembly on the Sabbath.

6. That Presbytery approve the Assembly's action touching Sabbath schools.

7. That this Presbytery approve the action of the Assembly in appointing a committee of conference respecting co-operative union with the Presbyterian church in the United States of America.

8. That this Presbytery approve the action of the Assembly in appointing the first Sabbath in June to be observed as Children's Day, and all of our churches be enjoined to observe the day as designed by the Assembly.

9. That this Presbytery disapprove the appointment by the Assembly of an Assistant Secretary of Foreign Missions unless he act as Treasurer also. Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Black,
A. A. Graham.

Ruling Elder Murdock McKeithan, of Cameron church, appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Commissioner to the General Assembly, reported his attendance and that of his colleague, Mr. John McLauchlin, at its meetings. The report was approved and their diligence commended.

Ruling Elder Daniel McKenzie, of Culdee church, appeared and gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Report of Evangelist, Rev. J. H. Colton, was read and adopted. The report comprises the time from April to October, 1888, and is as follows:

I have preached monthly at China Grove, Cypress and Longstreet. They have paid me for this year $54.00, and on arrears $26.50. It is worthy of mention that they have contributed to the Assembly's objects of benevolence, $50.00. I have preached several times at Long school-house and at Spout Spring in Harnett. I have frequently conducted the prayer-meeting for the Jonesboro church. I have had prayer-meeting, somewhere, monthly, specially in reference to Foreign Missions with a view to promoting the concert of Prayer. And in so doing have secured, in different places, the names of about two hundred persons willing to pay a mite, or, pay and pray monthly. I have thus collected and sent to the Treasurer, about three dollars. James Creek Chapel has contributed through me to Evangelistic Fund, $1.75, which has been sent to the Treasurer. I have received on examination, one; baptised one adult and three infants. I have preached at James Creek Chapel, near Manly, two Sabbaths; and near Carters Mills, beyond Carthage, one Saturday and Sabbath. In Montgomery county I have preached two Sabbaths at Star, beyond Macedonia and Bensalem, and at night in Troy the same days; one Sabbath at Swift Island and three other times at different places in the county. At each of the places named, or near, we have one or more members, but no opening for organization. Other denominations treat us kindly, and we can get good congregations.

Ruling Elder J. A. McAlister, of Lumberton church, appeared and gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Presbytery took recess till 2 p. m.

Presbytery met at 2 p. m.

A request from Cameron church, for the services of Rev. A. R. Shaw was read and referred to the committee on Calls and Supplies.

The committee on Calls and Supplies recommended that the call from Laurinburg church be placed in the hands of Rev. Chalmers Moore. He accepted the call and the following order was taken for his installation:

Time appointed, 1st Sabbath in November, 1888. Dr. H. G. Hill to preach the sermon and propound the constitutional questions. Rev. A. N. Ferguson to charge the pastor. Rev. A. L. Phillips to charge the people.

A request from Bensalem church for the services of Rev. K. M. McIntyre was referred to the committee on Calls and Supplies.

The following orders were taken for tomorrow:

Report on Foreign Missions first order for the morning. Report on Home Missions first order for the afternoon.

Report of Colporteur was read and adopted, and is as follows:

I have sold books to the amount of $145.89. Of this, I have sold in Montgomery county about $25.00, and made 40 visits. I have organized three Sabbath schools. I have helped them and others by a grant from the Assembly's committee of 72 copies of lesson papers. I have distributed a variety of tracts.

J. H. COLTON, Colporteur.

Rev. Jos. Evans reported that the Sabbath School Convention was held in Ashpole during August, and that the Convention was much blessed to the profit of that church. The following is the report:

The Committee on Sabbath School Convention, beg leave to report as follows:

That a Sabbath School Convention was held at Ashpole church in the month of August, at which there was a fair attendance of the ministers of the Presbytery, and a gratifying representation from sessions and Sabbath schools. That all the exercises of the Convention were appropriate and edifying, and were listened to with deep interest by a very large and appreciative audience.

JOS. EVANS, Chairman.

The Treasurer's report was read, approved, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The Treasurer was instructed to lend to a bank $100.00 of the Mizpeh church fund.

Ruling Elder John A. McDonald, of Marks Creek church, appeared and gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Presbytery proceeded with closed doors to consider the application of Rev. J. S. Black for the reception of Ruling Elder M. N. McIver, of Rockingham church, as a candidate for the gospel ministry. After hearing particular testimony as to his character and fitness, Mr. McIver was examined as to his personal piety and motives for seeking the ministry. He was received as a candidate and committed to the committee on Education for the direction of his studies, and to the Home Missions committee to do such work as they may wish.

The committee on Presbyterial Blanks made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee recommends that it be directed to have 500 copies of the blanks now used, amended as it may see fit, printed and forwarded to the Stated Clerk for distribution in time for use at spring meeting.

As to the letter and bill referred to it by Presbytery, it recommends that the Stated Clerk be directed to return to the committee on Publication all statistical blanks, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the balance of the bill, after such return.

A. L. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Cameron was chosen as the place for the spring meeting of Prestery. Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. S. Black.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9:30.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following overture from a member of Bethesda church session was read and referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures:

Is an Elder who stands indicted in civil court for forcible trespass, embezzlement and fornication and adultery, eligible to representation in church courts while the above suits are pending? If eligible, is his appointment advisable?

Signed, P. C. SHAW.

Ruling Elder Lauchlin McNeill, of Laurel Hill church appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., read letters from candidates W. M. Eldridge, J. M. Clark and K. A. McLeod. Their labors were approved and statistics ordered to be printed in appendix.

Ruling Elder W. F. McAuley, of Sharon church, appeared and rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Report on Systematic Beneficence was read and adopted, and a copy ordered to be sent to Synod. (See Appendix.)

On motion the following paper was adopted:

"That in accordance with resolutions adopted at last meeting of Presbytery, Rev. A. L. Phillips be appointed to preach at the next meeting of Presbytery a sermon on "The Scriptural form of church government."

The report of the special committee to revise the work and rules for visitation was read and adopted, and is as follows:

In order to secure the benefits of a careful and minute Presbyterial supervision to all our churches and as the most efficient way to secure this, it is hereby resolved to divide our churches into five districts and appoint over these committees of visitation as follows:

District 1. Euphronia, Buffalo, Union, Carthage, Cameron, St. Andrews, Barbecue, Mt. Pisgah, White Hill, Church of Covenant and Jonesboro.

Committee: Rev. D. Fairley, Chairman, Rev. James McQueen, Rev. A. R. Shaw and Elders John Darrach and James Dalrymple.

District 2. Tirza, Flat Branch, China Grove, Cypress, McPhersons, Longstreet, Sandy Grove, Salem, Bluff and Sardis.

Committee: Rev. D. D. McBryde, Chairman, Rev. N. McKay, D. D., Rev. J. P. McPherson, Rev. J. H. Colton and Elders J. A. McArthur and Walter Smith.

District 3. Bethlehem, Fayetteville, Big Rockfish, Sherwood, Lumber Bridge, Philippi, Bethel, Antioch, St. Pauls, Montpelier and Galatia.

Committee: Rev. A. L. Phillips, Chairman, Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. A. McQueen, and Elders H. H. Hodgin and S. C. Rankin.

District 4. Macedonia, Sharon, Pee Dee, Mt. Carmel, Ellerbe Springs, Mineral Springs, Bethesda, Culdee, Rockingham, Marks Creek and Bensalem.

Committee. Rev. A. N. Ferguson, Chairman, Rev. A. McMillan, Rev. K. M. McIntyre, Rev. Chalmers Moore and Elders R. McCaskill and J. B. Graham.

District 5. Laurinburg, Centre, Maxton, Smyrna, Laurel Hill, Mt. Tabor, Philadelphus, Lumberton, Lebanon, Iona and Ashpole.

Committee: Rev. Joseph Evans, Chairman, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. H. McLean, and Elders J. A. McDougald and J. C. McCaskill.

That three members shall constitute a quorum of the committee of Visitation, one of whom shall be an Elder. But if the Elders appointed on the committee for the district should not be present, two ministers may select an Elder to complete the quorom. The committee shall spend at least two days in visiting each church. At least half the churches in each district shall be visited in one year, and all in two. That we continue to appoint biennially an agent of Presbyterial Visitation, whose duty it shall be to bring in a written report at each fall meeting of Presbytery, stating the work done by the various committees of Visitation.

That said Agent shall in the month of July write to the chairman of each of the committees of Visitation, inquiring what has been done since the fall meeting of Presbytery, as regards visitation. If the requirements of Presbytery in this matter have not been fully complied with, he shall urge them to do so before the approaching meeting of Presbytery. If from any cause the chairman cannot act in the matter, it shall be the duty of the agent always, as far as practicable, in conjunction with the committee of the district, to make the requisite visitation. In the discharge of this duty the agent shall have the authority to call in the assistance of any member of Presbytery. The committees in visiting churches shall address the following questions to the officers of the churches, and afterwards, as far as may be deemed expedient, to the congregation assembled:

SPIRITUAL CONDITION:—Have you a pastor? If not, why? In the absence of your pastor, do your Elders conduct divine services in the church?

Is there hearty co-operation between minister and people?

IF CHURCH IS VACANT:—Are diligent efforts being made to secure a supply.

Do officers conduct services in the church?

Have you weekly prayer-meeting?

Have you a Sabbath School?

Have you monthly concert of prayer for Foreign Missions?

Is there public and private chatechetical instruction?

Are public worships, prayer-meetings, Sabbath Schools and Concert of Missions well attended?

Is there on the part of any of your members a wilful neglect of attendance on all or either of these services? If so, what is your discipline?

Do any of your members habitually absent themselves from the Lord's Supper, or fail to present their children for baptism? If so, what is your discipline?

Have you evidence of growth in knowledge and piety among your members?

Do the families of your congregation conduct family prayers?

Are the children instructed at home in the Scriptures and the doctrines of the Presbyterian church?

Do the members of the church rightly observe the Sabbath?

Do any desecrate the Sabbath?

Do any visit drinking saloons, ball-rooms, theatres or gambling saloons?

Do any make, drink, or sell wine or cider as a beverage? If so, what is your discipline?

Does your minister visit the congregation regularly?

Do the Elders visit the congregation?

FINANCIAL CONDITION:—Do your Deacons discharge their duties with fidelity?

Do you promptly and fully meet your obligations to your minister?

What amount do you raise?

Can you raise more?

Is the amount paid the pastor or stated supply a fair return for services received?

Are there any arrearages to your present or former minister?

If arrearages exist, what effort are you making to meet them?

Does your church contribute to all the objects ordered by Presbytery and General Assembly?

By what plan?

Does the Sabbath School contribute regularly to our various objects of Beneficence?

J. S. BLACK,
JOSEPH EVANS,
H. G. HILL,
K. M. MCINTYRE,
JAMES MCQUEEN,
A. M. MCKINNON.

Rev. N. T. Bowden reported that he had not filled his appointment at Mt. Carmel.

Rev. J. S. Black was excused from attendance on sessions of Presbytery after the morning service.

The report of the committee on Nominations was received and amended as follows:

The committee on "Primary English" was changed to committee on "English Branches." The report was adopted and is as follows:

Home Missions committee remain the same, the vacancies in its membership to be filled by adding Rev. D. D. McBryde and Elder S. C. Rankin.

Foreign Missions, Rev. A. L. Phillips, agent.

Systematic Beneficence, Rev. D. Fairley, agent.

Education Committee: Rev. A. N. Ferguson, chairman, Rev. Chalmers Moore and Elders Angus Blue, E. F. McRae and H. Lytch.

Publication and Colportage, Rev. Jos. Evans, agent.

Sabbath-schools, Rev. A. R. Shaw, agent.

Committees on Examinations:—Natural Sciences, Rev. A. McMillan, Rev. A. McQueen and J. S. Black.

English Branches, Rev. Jos. Evans and Rev. James McQueen.

Moral Science, Rev. N. McKay and Rev. K. M. McIntyre.

Latin and Greek, Rev. N. T. Bowden, Rev. K. M. McIntyre, Rev. H. McLean and Rev. A. L. Phillips.

Hebrew, Rev. D. D. McBryde, Rev. Chalmers Moore and Rev. K. M. McIntyre.

Theology, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and Rev. Chalmers Moore.

Eclesiastical History, Rev. A. L. Phillips and Rev. J. H. Colton·

Church Government and Sacraments, Rev. J. P. McPherson, Rev. D. Fairley and Rev. A. N. Ferguson.

Visitation, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., agent.

Trustees of Presbytery, Capt. Neill W. Ray, Capt. S. C. Rankin and A. K. McDiarmid.

Trustees of Davidson College, J. A. McAlister be elected for four years, to fall of 1892, Rev. D. D. McBryde till 1889, Capt. James D. McIver till 1890 and Rev. A. N. Ferguson till 1891.

Trustees of Donaldson Academy the same as last year, adding the name of A. J. Cook for E. T. McKeithan, deceased.

Treasurer, J. A. McAlister.

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. Hill, Chairman.

A committee consisting of Rev. A. R. Shaw, Neill Graham and D. A McDairmid was appointed to prepare and present a biographical sketch of Rev. A. M. Watson.

Elder H. McMillan obtained leave of absence after this morning's session.

Presbytery took up the special order of the day: The hearing of the report of the agent of Foreign Missions. The report was received and adopted and is as follows:

During the six months that have passed since the last stated meeting of Presbytery, progress has been made in carrying the gospel to all lands. A general view shows steady progress in Asia, and especially in Japan. In Africa the work of exploration goes forward and the gospel is being preached to more and more people. The eyes of the civilized world are now turned to Africa in the eager search being made for Henry M. Stanley. The devastation of large arears of country by cruel slave hunters and the ruin following the introduction of the liquor traffic are impeding the progress of the gospel in this Dark Continent. In Europe, too, progress is being made; especially is this true in southern Rusia, where many Jews are being brought to acknowledge Jesus as Messiah, through the efforts of Joseph Rabinowtzch; and in France where the unsectarian but eminently christian work of the McCall Mission is enlightening thousands in the knowledge of Christ. In South America the work is greatly hindered by the malicious interference of Romish priests who poison the minds of the people by falsehoods, and incite them to open opposition and persecution. But there are signs of awakening among the people and work is being vigorously done. In North America much effective work is being done, especially in Mexico and among the Indians and in Alaska. The foreign born population in our own country furnishes a foreign field at home. Amongst the Islands of the Seas are to be found many truly marvelous instances of the transforming power of God's grace. The cry is still for men and means. It is believed that many are kept from entering on this work because of the lack of money in the church's treausury. Among the very significant signs of the times are the rapid development of interest, amounting at times to enthusiasm, among the young men of our land by the Young Men's Christian Associations, and the deep and increasing interest in the work shown by the women of the church. During the month of June a missionary conference of the world was held in the city of London. It consisted of about twelve hundred delegates representing every phase of evangelical faith, and coming from every part of the world. Its influence for good will be very great. Everyone interested in mission work should procure a copy of its proceedings soon to be published in London. The report of Dr. Houston for the year ending April 1st, shows that our own church made larger offerings in money than during any preceeding year of its history, the total being $88,040.33, "being an increase of about ten per cent. over those of last year." Of this total the Missionary Societies offered twenty-five per cent. It is thought that fully fifty per cent. of our own missionaries are women. From the report of the Treasurer (Finance committee) of Presbytery, it appears that fifty four of our churches offered $2135.72, which is an average of $39.55 per church, or about forty-eight cents per member. The following churches, according to the last minutes, deprived themselves of the privilege of sharing this work, viz: McPherson, Mineral Springs, Mt. Carmel, Rockingham and Sharon.

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted:

1. The organization of Ladies' and Children's Missionary Societies in every congregation.

2. Since interest in mission work is directly proportional to knowledge about it, the more general circulation of missionary literature.

3. The observance of the monthly concert of prayer for missions in churches where it is not already kept up.

A. L. PHILLIPS, Agent.

After the reading of the report, addresses were made on the subject of Foreign Missions by Revs. A. L. Phillips, Jos. Evans, J. H. Colton and James McQueen; after which a collection was taken up amounting to $18.19.

Presbytery took recess till 2 p. m.

Presbytery met at 2 p. m. The report of the agent of Publication and Colportage was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

As regards Publication in its general aspects your agent has pleasure in reporting a steady and satisfactory improvement in the financial condition of our Board. According to the last report of Dr. Hazen to the General Assembly, the assets exceed the liabilities above $73, 000,00. In connection with Colportage in its general aspects your agent has only to report that the General Assembly has inaugurated a system of Colportage under the supervision of Dr. Hazen, which has been affording thus far satisfactory results. Of our churches, according to Treasurer's report, six have contributed to this cause $15.96, which added to balance on hand at the spring meeting of Presbytery, as reported by the Treasurer, makes $116.10. Of this $43.70 has been paid to our Colporteur, (Rev. J. H. Colton) leaves a balance to the credit of the Fund of $72.40.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH EVANS, Agent.

Application from Ellerbe Springs church for the services of Rev. A. R. Shaw, as stated supply, was referred to committee on Calls and Supplies.

Presbytery took up the first order of the day for the afternoon, viz: the hearing of the report of the agent of Home Missions. The report was considered serviatim, amended, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

1st. As to Sustentation.

Contributions for six months to October 1st 1888, from three churches,	$8.25
Less 25 per cent. for Assembly's committee,	$2.06
	$6.19
Balance on hand April 1st after paying Assembly's committee 25 per cent. to that date,	$494.09
To be appropriated by Home Missions committee,	$500.28

Appropriations for current year:

To Rev. J. H. Colton, Evangelist,	$150.00
" Rev. J. P. McPherson's field,	$ 50.00
" Johnson's Mills Chapel,	$ 50.00
" Church at Red Springs,	$ 50.00
" Bethlehem church,	$ 25.00
" Rev. A. Currie's field,	$ 50.00
Whole amount,	$375.00

Of these appropriations the following sums have been paid:

Rev. J. H. Colton,	$75.00
Rev. J. P. McPherson,	$25.00
Johnson's Mills Chapel,	$50.00
Bethlehem church,	$25.00
Rev. A. R. Shaw, appropriation made to his field last fall,	$25.00
Whole amount paid,	$200.00

The other appropriations will be paid when applied for. Some supplies for vacant churches appointed last spring may have to be paid from the Sustentation fund. The Treasurer reports to the credit of Sustentation, October 1st 1888, - - - - - - $354.33

2nd. As to White Evangelistic Fund.

Contributed for six months to October 1st, 1888, by three churches,	$26.83
Less 25 per cent. for Assembly's committee,	$ 6.71
	$20.12
Balance on hand April 1st, 1888, after paying Assembly's committee 25 per cent.,	$162.16
To be appropriated in our bounds,	$182.28

Appropriations for current year:

To Rev. J. H. Colton, Evangelist,	$250.00
" candidate K. A. McLeod for four weeks Evang'ic work	$ 40.00
Total amount,	$290.00

Rev. Jas. H. Colton has been paid $125.00 and K. A. McLeod $40.00.

The Treasurer reports to the credit of the White Evangelistic Fund, October 1st, 1888, $26.92.

3rd. As to Labors of Candidates.

As directed by Presbytery last spring, candidate J. M. Clark aided Rev. Hector McLean at Antioch and Philadelphus churches, and held weekly religious services at Red Springs during the summer. He received for his services in this field $191.00. He submits his report to Presbytery at this session.

Candidate K. A. McLeod spent the summer in conducting religious services at Pee Dee and Sharon churches, and at mission points in Montgomery county. He received from the churches $119.75, and from the White Evangelistic fund for four weeks work in Montgomery county $40.00. His report will be read to Presbytery.

Candidate W. M. Eldridge, of Virginia, was employed in conducting religious services in Bethel and Bethesda churches during the summer. He received from the field for services rendered $210.10. His report of labors will be presented to Presbytery.

4th. As to Colored Evangelistic Fund.

For the past six months no churches contributed to this fund.

Balance on hand April 1st, 1888, $139.59. Last spring Presbytery appropriated $50.00 to aid McPhatter and Mt. Grove colored churches in employing Rev. Reuben C. James (col.), and $25.00 from this fund has been paid him, amount to credit of Colored Evangelistic Fund October 1st, 1888, - - - $26.81

5th. As to Invalid Fund.

During the past six months fifteen churches have contributed to this fund, - - - - $83.28

Balance on hand April 1st, 1888, - - $8.76

To be sent to Assembly's Committee, - - $92.04

Appropriations asked for during current year:

Rev. J. P. McPherson,	$30.00
Mrs. John H. Coble,	$50.00
Miss Sue Hogshead,	$20.00
Total,	$100.00

6th. As to Supplies for Vacant Churches.

Mt. Carmel, Rev. N. T. Bowden, supply once a month till next Presbytery for such compensation as they can give.

Rockingham, Rev. A. N. Ferguson, one Sabbath, and Rev. Chalmers Moore, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Buffalo, Rev. D. D. McBryde, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Euphronia, Rev. D. Fairley, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Jonesboro, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Bethel, Rev. J. H. Colton, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Bethesda, Rev. A. R. Shaw, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

Your committee would make the following recommendations respecting certain churches and promising mission points:

1st. That on account of Father McLean's infirmities, Antioch be supplied one Sabbath in each month by Rev. A. McQueen, for such compensation as they can give till the spring meeting of Presbytery; and Philadelphus by Rev. Joseph Evans, one Sabbath and Sacraments.

2nd. That Red Springs have preaching during week days twice each by Revs. D. Fairley, H. G. Hill, D. D. and A. L. Phillips before meeting of spring Presbytery.

3rd. That Rev. N. McKay, D. D., preach at Dunn two Sabbaths before next Presbytery, and that Rev. A. L. Phillips, Rev. D. D. Mc Bryde and Elder S. C. Rankin be appointed a commission to hold religious services at Dunn, and to organize a Presbyterian church there as soon as the way is open.

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. HILL, Chairman.

"Free conversation on State of Religion" was entered into.

The committee on Bills and Overtures made their report, which report was adopted, and is as follows:

In answer to the overture from a member of Bethesda church session, we make the following report:

That an Elder charged with gross offenses before the civil court, and that are being investigated by the session, is not an eligible representative in the church courts, and his appointment as such is not advisable; and that he can be forbidden from "approaching the Lord's table until the charges against him can be examined." See Book of Discipline, chapter 7, section 4.

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. HILL, Chairman.

The report of Finance Committee was approved and ordered to be printed in the appendix. It was ordered that the money be turned over to the Treasurer.

The following resolutions touching Stated Clerk of Presbytery were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That Presbytery has learned with sorrow of the growing infirmities of our venerable Stated Clerk, detaining him from this meeting of our body, and interfering with the discharge of his duties.

Resolved, 2. That Presbytery would gratefully recognize the faithful and efficient services of the Rev. J. P. McPherson, as its Stated Clerk for many years, and in token of its appreciation of his past very acceptable labors, would appoint him its Stated Clerk, emeritus, during life with an annual salary of $50.00.

Resolved, 3. That Presbytery appoint for the active duties of Stated Clerk, for a term of three years from this fall meeting, the Rev. Angus R. Shaw, with an annual salary of $50.00.

L. B. McFadyen, A. A. Graham, A. M. McKinnon, R. M. Smith, J. A. McDonald, and Revs. Jas. McQueen, Joseph Evans and A. L. Phillips, were granted leave of absence after to-day's sessions.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 9:30 A. M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report on Narrative to Synod was read, approved, and a copy ordered to be sent to Synod. The report is as follows:

That while the general review of the churches shows no very marked revivals, or general outpouring of the Spirit, still there is evidence of increased religious interest in several of the churches; and there have been additions to our membership, ranging from one to twenty, and as many as forty in one instance, showing that progress, encouraging progress in general church work is being made all along the line. The reports from the churches show that a revived and increased interest is being taken in Sabbath-school work, both in increase of schools and in a larger attendance. An awakened interest, deeper and wider, is being felt in the Foreign Mission work, as shown in an increase in number of Ladies' and Men's Missionary Societies organized in our bounds, stimulating increased liberality among the churches. These and other features of church work are hopeful and encouraging; but in Sabbath observance, family worship and liberality in sustaining and promoting the general work of the church, there is cause for humiliation and ground for greater consecration to God and His service. A. MCQUEEN, Chairman.

Time for meeting of spring Presbytery: Wednesday before the 2nd Sabbath in April, at 7:30 p. m.

The usual number of minutes (300) was ordered to be printed by the lowest bidder.

The report of the committee on Calls and Supplies was recommitted for further consideration.

Rev. Chalmers Moore was granted leave of absence from the present.

Presbytery took recess till 11:30.

Presbytery met at 11:30.

J. A. McAlister was granted leave of absence from the present.

Pee Dee and Sharon churches were allowed to employ Rev. A. Currie till spring meeting of Presbytery.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that a special committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to prepare a circular letter for distribution among the churches explaining the necessity of evangelistic work in the Presbytery, &c., and that the sessions be instructed to report to the spring meeting of Presbytery whether they have taken the collection ordered, and how much was realized, and to inquire as to the possibility of securing a proper person for evangelist to report at spring meeting.

Revs. A. L. Phillips, H. G. Hill, D. D., and Dr. J. W. McNeill were appointed under this resolution.

The committee on Calls and Supplies reported by substitution. The report is as follows:

The committee on Calls and Supplies on application of Union Carthage and Cameron churches for the services of Rev. A. R. Shaw recommend that the applications of Carthage and Cameron be retained by Presbytery till the adjourned meeting at Synod, and that the application from Union be returned to the church to see if they will not increase the amount promised Brother Shaw, $100.00.

Neill Graham, M. A. Monroe, D. N. McLeod, Lauchlin McNeill, D. McKenzie, J. M. Currie and W. M. McAuley were granted leave of absence after present session.

Presbytery took recess till 2 p. m.

Presbytery met at 2 p. m., and proceeded to a consideration of unfinished business which was the report of the committee on Calls and Supplies. The following report was adopted:

Bensalem church asks for one-fourth of the time of Rev. K. M. McIntyre for $200.00; we recommend that the request be granted. We also recommend that the application from Ellerbe Springs church for the services of Rev. A. R. Shaw, as stated supply, be retained in the hands of Presbytery until adjourned meeting at Synod.

Committee: { N. T. Bowden,
J. H. Colton,
D. J. Gillis.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay Rev. J. H. Colton $10.00 from Mizpeh church fund.

A committee of three was appointed to write a letter to Rev. J. P. McPherson explaining the action of Presbytery in regard to him, and conveying to him the sympathy of Presbytery. Revs. H. G. Hill D. D., K. M. McIntyre and A. McQueen constitute the committee.

The committee to prepare a sketch of Rev. A. M. Watson made the following report, which was adopted:

REV. ANDREW McWHIRTER WATSON.

Rev. Andrew McWhirter Watson was born in Yorkville, S. C., September 26, 1827. His parents were William Watson, son of Col. Samuel Watson, and Margaret Parks, daughter of Capt. Hugh Parks, of Mecklenburg, N. C. He received his primary education at Bethshiloh school-house. He commenced the higher studies with Prof. Shuil, at Bethel Academy. The early part of '46 was spent at

Ebenezer Academy with Rev. Mr. Bishop, who prepared him for college. He entered the Junior class at Davidson Sept. 1st, 1846, and was graduated in July, 1848. He spent three years at Columbia Seminary. He was a faithful student, and much beloved by his teachers and class-mates. He was taken under the care of Bethel Presbytery, as a candidate for the gospel ministry, at its meeting at Shiloh church, Cleveland county, N. C., October 5th, 1848. He was licensed by the same Presbytery at its meeting in Yorkville, April 5, 1851, and was ordained by the same Presbytery, October 11, 1851, to enter work as a missionary to the Indians. Immediately after his ordination he began work at the newly established station of Wepenucha, in the Chickasaw tribe of Indians. In January, 1852, he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Campbell, of Winnsboro, S. C., and soon after they went to his chosen field of labor. He entered upon his labors with zeal and enthusiasm. He began teaching at once through an interpreter, and also began to acquire a knowledge of the language. As it was sometimes difficult to obtain an interpreter, he adopted the plan of writing his sermons, having them interpreted and then re-writing them so that he could preach to the natives in their own tongue. Notwithstanding the privations incident to frontier life he was wont, in after years, to look back to those days of labor as the happiest of his life. Shortly after entering this field of labor, a neat brick church was erected for one of his congregations. So intent was he on the erection of this house of worship that he assisted in making the brick with his own hands. His arduous labors, physical and mental, soon proved too much for his naturally delicate constitution. The climate was subject to sudden changes known as "Northers," and his exposure to them in his long rides over the prairies was doubtless the cause of the bronchial troubles which clung to him the remainder of his life. The failure of his health made a change necessary, and he returned to his native state to recruit. After supplying Steel Creek and Pleasant Hill a year, he accepted a call to Alabama where he remained till after the war. From that field he removed to Tipton county, Tennessee. His health declined to such an extent that he was induced to go to Florida in the spring of '79. He preached at Madison until he felt well enough to return home. The 1st of June, while packing his trunk to return home, he received a telegram requesting him to visit Lexington. He did so, and was called to the pastorate of that church. After a pastorate of four years, marked by growth in members and congregation, he received a call to Huntersville and Ramah churches. The prospect of increased usefulness induced him to accept the call. His labors in this field were most richly blessed, the membership was more than doubled. In opposition to the wishes of many friends, he gave up this field to take charge of Unity and Castanea churches in Lincoln county. Before going there he preached a few months, with great acceptance, at Maxton and Centre churches, in Fayetteville Presbytery. This section of the country proved favorable to his health, and he, a short time after, accepted a call to Bethesda and Bethel churches. The fatigue of moving in the heat of summer brought on an attack of asthma. For a short season he seemed to be regaining strength; but after preaching a few times he was compelled to withdraw from active life and place himself in a physician's care. He always took a hopeful view of his condition and seemed not to doubt that he would soon be able to resume his work. He was not confined to bed, kept up family worship, took an interest in family affairs, enjoyed the visits of friends, seldom complained of anything except being tired or weak. No doubt Jesus was near, whispering words of comfort to His faithful servant. Although the messenger came suddenly, we cherish the hope that all was well.

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ:
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

It is with profound gratitude to God that we speak of the great and unusual success that attended his efforts in the ministry. He was remarkable for his clear, intelligible and faithful presentation of gospel truth. His style was simple. He preached plainly Christ the Friend of sinners. He wielded an unusual influence over the young men in his congregations, and was the instrument in God's hand of influencing several to study for the ministry. He was remarkable for his pastoral assiduity and diligence. His efforts to do good to those committed to his charge were "instant in season and out of season." He was considered specially gifted in prayer. He seemed then to be holding face to face communion with his God. Wherever he was needed or could do good, there he went without hesitation. He was anxious to work while the day lasted, looking above for the "recompense of reward." We trust he is now at rest in the "Beautiful Beyond."

The following vote of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, that the hearty thanks of this Presbytery be extended to this congregation and their friends of other denominations for the very generous and cordial entertainment during its stay in their community, praying upon them the richest blessings of our Father in heaven; and that this resolution be read by the pastor from the pulpit.

To-day's minutes were read and approved. Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator at Synod.

Closed with singing, prayer and apostolic benediction.

DAVID FAIRLEY, Moderator.

A. L. PHILLIPS, } Temporary Clerks.
NEILL GRAHAM, }

[Attest] A. R. SHAW, Stated Clerk.

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ADJOURNED MEETING.

Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, N. C., Oct. 25, 1888.

Presbytery met according to adjournment at the call of the Moderator, Rev. D. Fairley. Opened with prayer by the Moderator. Rev. A. L. Phillips was appointed clerk *pro tem.*

Present, Revs. N. McKay, D. D., H. G. Hill, D. D., D. D. McBryde, D. Fairley, J. Evans, J. H. Colton, J. S. Black, A. L. Phillips and Ruling Elder Wm. Black, Maxton church.

A communication from Union church was read, stating that it could not comply with the proposition made by Presbytery in regard to the services of Rev. A. R. Shaw. Presbytery took recess till call of Moderator.

Friday, October 26, 1888.

Presbytery after recess referred the matter of Rev. A. R. Shaw's relation to Jackson Springs, Union, Cameron and Carthage churches to the Home Missions committee, giving it power to act.

Candidate A. H. McArn sent a request for the designation of his parts of trial. The committee on Education was instructed to assign such parts to him.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, to meet at Cameron church, Wednesday before the 2nd Sabbath in April, at 7:30 p. m.

DAVID FAIRLEY, Moderator.

[Attest] A. L. PHILLIPS, Clerk *pro tem.*

APPENDIX.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

To the Synod of North Carolina.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1888:

41	Churches contributed to	Sustentation	$ 350 00
35	“ “ “	Publication	$ 157 16
45	“ “ “	Foreign Missions	$1980 97
37	“ “ “	Invalid Fund	$ 179 26
25	“ “ “	Colportage	$ 87 07
39	“ “ “	Evangelistic Fund	$ 295 87
38	“ “ “	Education	$ 296 60
26	“ “ “	Tuskaloosa Institute	$ 121 63
8	“ “ “	Bible Cause	$ 34 84
11	“ “ “	Miscellaneous	$3855 00
	Total		$7358 40

This is $2415.62 more than was reported in the last report on Systematic Beneficence. By order of Presbytery,

A. R. SHAW, Stated Clerk.

Ellerbe Springs, October 12, 1888.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF CANDIDATES.

J. M. Clark reports the following amounts received for services rendered during the summer:

From Antioch church	$70 00
“ Philadelphus church	$81 25
“ the people of Red Springs	$39 75
Total	$191 00

K. A. McLeod reports the following amounts received for services rendered during his Seminary vacation:

From Pee Dee church	$76 75
“ Sharon “	$43 00
Total	$119 75

W. M. Eldridge reports the following amounts received for his summer's work:

From Bethel church	$101 60
“ Bethesda “	$105 50
“ Colored “	$ 3 00
Total	$210 10

REPORT OF TREASURER.

TREASURER'S TABULATED REPORT.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Sustentation.	Publication.	Foreign Missions.				Invalid Fund.	Colportage.	Evangelistic Fund.	Evangelistic Fund—colored.	Education.	Tuskaloosa Institute.	Foreign Missions Children's day.	Bible Society.	Presbyterial.	Total.
			Churches.	Ladies' Societies.	Sunday Schools.	Totals.										
Centre			$ 33 24	$ 36 50	$ 4 14	$ 73 88										$ 111 88
Centre (Men's Missionary Society.)						38 00										
China Grove			2 00		1 30	3 30	7 30				1 25					11 85
Mineral Springs			7 00		1 20	8 20	4 65								8 00	28 05
Bethlehem	1 55	87	1 60			1 60					40				3 00	7 42
McPherson			4 40			4 40										4 40
Salem			5 00			5 00										5 00
St. Pauls			30 00			45 00	5 00		10 00		10 00		15 00		15 00	85 00
Bethesda			9 00			32 91	6 50						23 91			39 41
Smyrna			18 20	13 00		38 48	11 05						7 28			49 53
Laurel Hill			23 98	14 80	5 69	58 79	14 52	8 00			4 00		14 32			85 31
Montpelier			13 70			23 30	2 61	1 15					9 60			27 06
Bluff			25 00			25 00	5 00									30 00
Bluff (McMillans Chapel,)			3 80			3 80										3 80
Barbecue			3 10			6 23							3 13			6 23
Union			8 00			8 00										8 00
Laurinburg			86 55	20 00		106 55			13 50		13 00					133 05
Lumber Bridge			25 95			52 40	5 64						26 45			58 04
Sardis			23 60			23 60					1 86					25 46

Bensalem			2 80			2 80										2 80
Macedonia			3 65			3 65										3 65
Culdee			3 55			3 55										3 55
Bethel (Pike S. S)						5 00							5 00			
Marks Creek	2 45		3 34			3 34	1 70								3 00	10 49
Jonesboro			25 04	11 00	5 07	41 11									10 00	26 07
Fayetteville				12 00		12 00									25 00	37 00
Cypress			9 30			9 30	1 30									10 60
Big Rockfish					1 00	1 00										1 00
Philadelphus			5 35			5 35	1 00								6 00	12 35
Euphronia															5 00	5 00
Galatia	4 25		11 34			11 34									2 50	18 09
Galatia (from Miss F. B. Currie)			3 00			3 00										3 00
Phillippi			3 62			3 62										3 62
St. Andrews			10 00		1 13	11 13										11 13
Antioch				14 00		14 00	2 03	3 84	3 33							23 20
Flat Branch			7 03			7 03	2 20									9 23
Sherwood															5 00	5 00
Lumberton			24 19	19 70	7 35	66 24	12 78						15 00		11 50	90 52
Totals	8 25	87	411 29	141 00	26 88	736 86	83 28	12 99	26 83		30 51		119 69		94 00	993 59
Receipts from Fi. Com. Jonesboro	12 32	25 81	99 53	32 97	30 75	163 25	1 96	2 97	10 81	7 42	15 04				255 29	494 87
Amounts due various causes of benevolence by report of former Treasurer	532 67	53 21				170 25	8 81	100 14	162 36	144 39	32 03	Miz'h c'h fd 50 00		26 80		1280 66
Cash from Trustees of Presbytery												100 00				100 00
Aggregate from all sources	553 24	79 89	510 82	173 97	57 63	1095 40	94 05	116 10	200 00	151 81	77 58	150 00	119 69	26 80	349 29	2869 12
Disbursements	198 91	79 39				693 82	10 77	43 70	173 08	125 00	52 72			26 80	346 17	1750 36
Balances	354 33	50				401 58	83 28	72 40	26 92	26 81	24 86	150 00			3 12	1118 76
By error overdraft of Presbyterial Fund by former Treasurer.*																166 47
Leaving correct balance																952 29

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S TABULATED REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Sustentation.	Publication.	Foreign Missions.			Inv'd Fund.	Colportage.	Evangelistic Fund.	Evan-g'c F'd -col'd.	Education.	Young Men's Miss'ry Society.	Presbyterial.	Total.
			Churches.	Ladies' Societies.	Sunday Schools.								
Sandy Grove	$	$	$ 11 94	$	$ 12 32	$	$	$ 2 67	$	$ 3 13	$	$ 7 00	$ 37 06
Rockingham	1 50												1 50
Macedonia	2 90					1 00							3 90
Lebanon			11 00			2 00	5 00	3 00					21 00
Union				16 75									16 75
Culdee			1 00					1 50				5 00	7 50
Carthage				4 60									4 60
Mineral Springs				13 54			2 02	3 04			13 39		31 99
Ellerbe Springs			4 86		1 20	1 85				2 68			10 59
Totals	$4 40		$28 80	$34 89	$13 52	$4 85	$7 02	$10 21		$5 81	$13 39	$12 00	$134 89

A. M. McKINNON, } Finance Committee.
M. A. MONROE, }

ANNUAL COLLECTIONS.

1. Home Missions, embracing these objects:
    - 1st. Sustentation, - - - - January.
    - 2nd. Evangelistic Fund, - - - September.
    - 3rd. Colored Evangelistic Fund, - - October.

When money is sent for *Home Missions*, please state for which of these objects it is intended.

2. Publication, - - - - March.
3. Foreign Missions, - - - - May.
4. Invalid Fund, - - - - July.
5. Colportage, - - - - August.
6. Education, - - - - November.
7. Theological Institute for Colored Men, - December.
8. Presbyterial Fund, - due April 1st of each year.

OFFICERS.

REV. D. FAIRLEY, Manchester, N. C., - - Moderator.
REV. A. R. SHAW, Carthage, N. C., - - Stated Clerk.
MR. J. A. McALISTER, Lumberton, N. C., - Treasurer.

MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY

OF

FAYETTEVILLE

ONE HUNDRED

AND FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION,

APRIL 1892,

PITTSBORO, N. C.

MINUTES

OF

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

PRO RE NATA MEETING.

AT SANFORD, N. C., MARCH 9, 1892.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION

AT PITTSBORO, N. C., APRIL 12-15, 1892.

THE ADJOURNED MEETING

AT FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., APRIL 20, 1892.

WITH AN APPENDIX.

ROBESONIAN JOB PRINT,
LUMBERTON, N. C.
1892.

PRO RE NATA MEETING.

Sanford, N. C., March 9, 1892.

Presbytery convened, pursuant to a call by the Moderator, for a meeting to dismiss Rev. A. R. Shaw to the Presbytery of Central Texas, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

ROLL.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDER.	CHURCH.
W. F. Thom,	John McRae.	Gulf.
A. R. Shaw,	....	....
D. N. McLauchlin,	....	....
M. McG. Shields	....	....

Rev. A. R. Shaw asked for a certificate of dismission to connect himself with the Presbytery of Central Texas. His reasons for making the request were heard, and the certificate ordered to be issued.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Pittsboro, N. C., April 12th at 7 : 30 P. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. A. R. Shaw.

W. F. THOM,
Moderator.

M. McG. Shields,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest: P. R. Law,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING.

Pittsboro. N. C., April 12, 1892.

Presbytery convened at 7 : 30 P. M., according to adjournment, in the Pittsboro Presbyterian Church, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. D. Fairley, from Mark I, 17 : "And Jesus said unto them, come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

The Presbytery was then called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. F. Thom.

Rev. W. B. Arrowood led in prayer.

THE ROLL.

The following members were present during the meeting of the Presbytery : [*]

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
D. D. McBryde,	J. B. Graham,	Bethesda,
Joseph Evans,	J. W. McLauchlin,	Bethel,
H. G. Hill, D D.	R. N. Buie,	Buffalo,
David Fairley,	M. McL. McKeithan,	Cameron,
W. M. Eldridge.†	L. P. Tyson,	Carthage,
A. N. Ferguson,	Malcolm McLean	Flat Branch,
J. S. Black,	D. A. Blue,	Galatia,
P. R. Law,	J. M. McIver,	Gulf,
J. M. Clark,	J. B. Massemore,	Haywood,
K. A. McLeod,	James Dalrymple,	Jonesboro,
W. F. Thom,	J. McN. Johnston,	Keyser,
G. A. Hough,	William Black,	Maxton,
M. McG. Shields,	J. A. McPherson,	McPherson,
D. N. McLauchlin,	J. A. Alston,	Pittsboro,

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[*] The figures after each name shows the day of arrival and enrollment after rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness. † The daggers indicate the Ministers admitted to membership and enrolled the second day.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. M. Rose, [2]	A. M. Wicker,	Pocket,
J. W. Johnston, [2]	N. B. Brown,	Red Springs,
W. B. Arrowood, †	John D. McLeod,	Shiloh,
D. W. Fox, †	D. C. Shaw,	St. Andrews,
....	L. Shaw,	St. Pauls,
....	D. J. McDonald,	Summerville,
....	J. T. Roberts, [2]	Laurinbur,g
....	D. Y. White, [2]	Mt. Vernon Sp's,
....	J. W. Scott, [2]	White Hill,
....	D. Z. Harden, [2]	Laurel Hill,
....	D. L. Currie, [2]	Union,
....	John Darrah, [2]	Barbacue,
....	D. A. Blue, [2]	Culdee,
....	J. A. McAllister, [3]	Lumberton,
....	A. McLean, [3]	Ellerbe Springs.

The following Ministers were absent and churches not represented:

MINISTERS ABSENT.

J. P. McPherson,
Neill McKay, D. D.,
A. McMillan,
A. McQueen,
K. M. McIntyre,
M. N. McIver,

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Antioch,
Ashpole,
Bensalem,
Bethlehem.
Big Rockfish,
Bluff,
Mt. Pisgah,
Pee Dee,
Philippi,
China Grove,
Cypress,
Church of Cov't,
Euphronia,
Fayetteville,
Centre,
Philadelphus,
Rockingham,
Salem,
Lebanon,
Lumber Bridge,
Dunn,
Midway,
Iona,
Jackson Springs,
Sardis,
Sherwood,
Sandy Grove.
Longstreet,
Macedonia,
Mark's Creek,
Montpelier,
Mt. Carmel,
Mt. Tabor,
Sharon,
Smyrna,

ORGANIZATION.

Rev. J. M. Clark was elected Moderator. Rev. J. S. Black and Elder J. W. McLauchlin, were elected Temporary Clerks.

ORDER OF THE DAY MADE.

The report of the Committee on Church and Christian Education was made the first order of the day of the forenoon session to-morrow.

DAILY SITTINGS.

The following order was made respecting the time of daily sessions: That the forenoon sitting be from 9 A. M. to 12:30 P. M; afternoon sitting from 3 P. M. to 5:30 P. M., and evening sitting from 8 P. M. to adjournment at will.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. W. B. Arrowood of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, Rev. W. M. Eldridge of the Presbytery of Dallas, and Rev. D. W. Fox of the Presbytery of Troy, in the Synod of New York, were invited to sit in the Presbytery as corresponding members, and formally introduced to the body by the Moderator.

It was resolved, that the last hour of the forenoon sitting and first hour of the evening sitting be set apart for Divine Worship.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

The printed minutes of the session at Dunn were approved without reading and the minutes of the adjourned meetings held during the Synod in Durham, the adjourned meeting at Maxton, and the Pro Re Nata meeting at Sanford, were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. K. A. McLeod.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, April 13, 1892.

Presbytery convened according to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. Joseph Evans led in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, amended and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS READ AND REFERRED.

A communication to the body from Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

A communication from Rev. Dr. Stacy, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the General Assembly on the Sabbath, propounding a series of questions to Presbytery respecting Sabbath observance, was read and referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. D. N. McLauchlin and Elders J. M. McIver and J. A. McPherson, to formulate a reply.

A petition from members of Bluff Church asking Presbytery to organize a church at McMillan's Chapel, was read and a commission to do so, if the way be clear, was appointed, consisting of Revs. D. D. McBryde, D. Fairley and G. A. Hough and Elders W. J. Smith and S. C. Rankin.

THE COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. W. F. Thom and Elders J. A. Alston and J. M. McIver.

Narrative—Rev's. D. D. McBryde, K. A. McLeod and Elder M. McL. McKeithan.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev's. D. Fairley and Elders N. B. Brown and James Dalrymple.

Calls and Supplies—Rev. M. McG. Shields and Elders William Black and R. N. Buie.

Minutes of Synod—Rev's Joseph Evans and D. N. McLauchlin and Elder J. B. Graham.

Bills and Overtures—Rev's A. N. Ferguson and W. F. Thom and Elder A. M. Wicker.

Leave of Absence—Elders J. M. McIver, D. A. Blue and D. J. McDonald.

Sabbath-schools—Rev. J. S. Black and Elders J. A. McPherson and J. D. McLeod.

Sessional Records—First sixteen on the roll, Rev. A. N. Ferguson and Elder J. B. Massemore; second sixteen, Rev. K. A. McLeod and Elder L. Shaw; third sixteen, Rev. G. A. Hough and Elder D. C. Shaw; fourth sixteen, Rev. D. N. McLauchlin and Elder Malcolm McLean.

MEMBERS RECEIVED.

Rev. W. B. Arrowood of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. W. M. Eldridge of Dallas Presbytery and Rev. D. W. Fox of Troy Presbytery, in the Synod of New York, presented certificates of dismission to join the Presbytery and were examined and admitted to membership according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order.

TRIAL SUBJECTS.

The following subjects were assigned to Candidate D. M. McIver to test his qualifications for licensure: For a sermon, Matthew V:48; for a popular lecture, Psalm XV; for a Critical Exercise, Romans, VIII: 32–39; for a Latin Thesis, *An sit Christus Deus.*

It was resolved to enter upon the examination of Candidate D. M. McIver with a view to his licensure, and the several committees were ordered to proceed with his examination.

REPORT ON VACANCIES AND ABSENTEES.

The Stated Clerk submitted the following report on Vacancies and Absentees:

Rev. James McQueen died February 6, 1892.

There is a vacancy in the Committee of Examination on English Branches made by the death of Rev. James McQueen.

There is a vacancy in the Educational Committee made by the dismission of Rev. Chalmers Moore.

There is a vacancy in the Examination Committee on the Hebrew Language made by the dismission of Rev. A. R. Shaw.

Shiloh Church is not assigned to any visitation district.

Rev. Messrs K. A. McLeod, A. McMillan and K. M. McIntyre were absent at the last meeting of Presbytery without excuse.

The Stated Clerk would recommend:

1. That Rev. W. M. Eldridge be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Committee on English Branches
2 That Rev. W. B. Arrowood be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Educational Committee.
3. That Rev. D. N. McLauchlin be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Examination Committee on the Hebrew Language.
4. That Shiloh Church be assigned to district number two.

Received and adopted.

REV. K. A. McLEOD EXCUSED.

Rev. K. A McLeod rendered satisfactory reasons for absence at the last meeting.

THE DIRECTORY FOR WORSHIP.

The Revised Directory for Worship was referred for a report thereon, to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. H. G. Hill, D. D., J. M. Rose and Elder, William Black.

Presbytery engaged in Divine Worship one hour, and then receded from business until 3 o'clck P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order at 3 o'clock P. M. by the Moderator.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Church and Christian Education, which could not be reached in the forenoon on account of the large amount of work of the morning hour, was made the first order of the day to-morrow in the forenoon.

The hearing of the trial sermon of Candidate D. M. McIver was made the order of the day in the last hour of the forenoon to-morrow.

The hearing of the reports of the Home Missions and Evangelistic Committees was made the first order of the day to-morrow afternoon.

The hearing of the report of the Standing Committee on Education was made the second order of the dav to-morrow afternoon

The hearing of the report of the Agent of Colportage and North Carolina Presbyterian was made the third order of the day to-morrow afternoon.

The hearing of the Presbyterial Sermon was made the order of the day for the first hour of the evening sitting to-morrow.

The hearing of the report of the Committee on Colored Evangelization was made the first order of the day of Friday forenoon.

The hearing of the report of the Committee on Sabbath-schools was made the second order of the day of Friday forenoon.

The hearing of the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was made the order of the day the first hour of Friday evening.

ADJOURNED MEETING ORDERED.

It was ordered that when Presbytery adjourns it do so to convene in adjourned meeting at Fayetteville to receive Rev.

A. J. McKelway and make an order for his installation as Pastor of Fayetteville Church.

NARRATIVE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The Narratives on the State of Religion in the churches were read and referred to the committee appointed to prepare a Narrative on the State of Religion in the Presbytery to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

CALLS.

A call from Carthage Church for three-fourths of the time of Rev. W. M. Eldridge as Pastor, on a salary of six hundred dollars a year, was read, received and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

A call from Laurinburg Church for all the time of Rev. W. B. Arrowood as Pastor, on a salary of twelve hundred dollars a year, was read, received and having been, at the last meeting, found in order, was placed in his hands and accepted by him.

Summerville Church was allowed to change its call for the Pastoral services of Rev. J. S. Black, which had been put in his hands at a previous meeting, from all to one-half of his time, and by reducing the salary to four hundred dollars a year. Rev. J. S. Black signified his acceptance of the call.

Rev. W. B. Arrowood was added to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

COMMISSION TO SHANNON.

A commission, consisting of Rev. J. M. Clark, Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. P. R. Law and Elders H. H. Hodgin and Loch. Shaw were appointed, in response to a petition therefor, to visit Shannon and organize a church there if the way be clear.

THE STATISTICAL REPORT.

The Stated Clerk was granted time to make up the statistical report to the General Assembly so as to submit it, if possible, to the adjourned meeting at Fayetteville for formal adoption before forwarding it.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALLS AND SUPPLIES.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported the call from Carthage Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. M. Eldridge to be in order and recommended that the call be placed in his hands

The report was received and adopted, and Rev. W. M. Eldridge signified his acceptance of the call.

ORDERS FOR INSTALLATIONS.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies submitted the following order for installations:

For the installation of Rev. W. B. Arrowood at Laurinburg: That Rev. Joseph Evans preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. J. M. Clark charge the people, and Rev. A. N. Ferguson charge the pastor, and that the time be at 11 A. M., Saturday before the first Sabbath in June.

For the installation of Rev. J. S. Black at Summerville: That he be installed at 11 A M. Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in June by a committee consisting of Rev. D. D. McBryde, Rev. D. Fairley and Elder J. A. Hodges, Rev. D. D. McBryde to preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions and Rev. D. Fairley to charge pastor and people, and that the time be 11 A. M. Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in June.

For the installation of Rev. W. M. Eldridge at Carthage: That Rev. M. McG. Shields preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. J W Johnston to charge the Pastor, and Rev. D. N. McLauchlin the people, and the time be 11 A. M. the 28th inst.

Received and adopted.

CANDIDATE W. L. HARRELL DISMISSED.

Candidate W. L. Harrell was, at his own request, dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Cherokee.

REPORT OF SUPPLIES.

The Supplies for vacant churches appointed at the last meeting made verbal reports, which were approved.

COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERIAL SERMON.

A committee, consisting of Rev. W. B. Arrowood, Rev. G. A. Hough and Elder L. Shaw, was appointed to prepare a report recommending a Preacher and subject for the Presbyterial Sermon at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rev. D. D. McBryde. Rev. P. R. Law, and Elders Hon. T. B. Womack and P. C. Shaw, Esq., were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly, and Rev. M. McG. Shields was elected alternate to Rev. D. D. McBryde, Rev. J. W. Johnston to Rev. P. R. Law, Elder William Black to Elder Hon. T. B. Womack and Elder Hon. J. D. McIver to Elder P. C. Shaw, Eqs.

PRINTING OF MINUTES AND DOCKETS.

It was ordered that five hundred copies of the minutes of this meeting, and one hundred dockets for the next meeting be printed.

ORDER TO TREASURER.

The Treasurer was ordered to furnish the Commissioners to the General Assembly funds sufficient to defray their necessary traveling expenses thereto.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Bethesda Church was chosen as the place, and Tuesday, at 11 A. M., before the first Sabbath in October, prox, as the time for the next regular meeting.

Presbytery receded from work until 8 o'clock in the evening.

RECESS.

Presbytery convened at 8 o'clock in the evening and engaged in Divine Worship one hour.

Candidate D. M. McIver was examined on Experimental Religion, and motives for seeking the ministry, and the examinations were approved as satisfactory parts of trial. His examination on Theology was entered upon, but pending which, Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. W. Johnston.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, April 14, 1892.

Presbytery convened according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer led by Elder J. B. Graham.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read, amended, and approved.

THE NARRATIVE DOCKETED.

Rev. D. D. McBryde submitted the Narrative to the General Assembly, and it was received and docketed.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Rev. Joseph Evans submitted the following report from the Committee on the Minutes of the Synod:

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod beg leave to report that they find nothing in the minutes requiring action, except that our Presbytery is in arrears to the Synodical Fund, and the request of Synod that we pay the half of our assessment for 1892 in the Spring.

Received and adopted.

THIRD COMMITTEE ON RECORDS.

Rev. G. A. Hough submitted the following report respecting the Church Records of the third section:

The records of Montpelier Church are correct with the following exceptions: 1. No meeting was held from May 23, 189 , until March 26, 1892. 2. No record of reciprocal duties was made.

The records of Mt Tabor, Maxton, Philadelphus and Midway churches are correct.

The Lumber Bridge records are found correct, except one meeting was closed without prayer.

The records of Mt. Vernon Springs and McPhersons Churches are correct, except no record of reciprocal duties was made in either.

Received and adopted.

DIRECTORY OF WORSHIP ADOPTED.

Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill submitted the report of the Committee on the Revised Directory for Worship as follows:

The Committee on the revised Directory of Worship would report that they have examined this Directory and unanimously recommend its adoption.

Received and adopted.

THE SABBATH AND THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

Elder William Black introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That Eayetteville Presbytery desires to express, and does hereby express, its most unqualified disapproval of all forms of Sabbath desecration, and especially and particularly disapproves and condemns any opening of the gates of the World's Fair or Columbian Exposition to the public, or any part thereof, on the Lord's day, and hereby requests and urges all our church sessions to take immediate action to prevent the same, by proper petitions to Congress and to our authorities in charge of the North Carolina department of said exposition requesting the former to make no further appropriation, and the latter to take no part in said exposition until it shall be definitely settled and fully decided to keep the gates closed on the Lord's day, and further that all our members of Congress everywhere be, and are hereby requested, to use all proper influence and means to carry out the intention and purposes of this resolution. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all our members of Congress, to the authorities in charge of the North Carolina exhibit and to all our church sessions and pastors.

Adopted.

The following special committee was appointed to take in charge the furtherance of the purposes of the forenamed resolution: Elders William Black, J. M. McIver, John W. Scott, Hon. T. B. Womack and Rev's J. M. Rose and H. G. Hill, D. D.

CENTRE CHURCH OVERTURE.

The following overture from Centre Church was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures;

The Session of Centre Church would respectfully overture the Presbytery of Fayetteville to request the Editor of the North Carolina Presbyterian to insert in the paper a weekly exposition of the International Sabbath-school Lesson, and articles upon its topics, for the purpose of rendering the paper more acceptable to its patrons, of extending its circulation, of interesting our children in its contents, and of aiding our Sabbath-schools in studying the scriptures.

In behalf of Centre Session and by its order.

H. G. HILL, PASTOR.

RESOLUTIONS ABOUT EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Rev. Joseph Evans read a series of resolutions respecting evangelistic work, which were received and docketed.

CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The order of the day, hearing the report of the Committee on Church and Christian Education, was taken up. Pending the reading of the report by the chairman, Rev. P. R. Law, the hour for Divine Worship arrived, and the trial sermon of Candidate D. M. McIver was heard and approved as a satisfactory part of trial.

Presbytery receded from business until 3 o'clock P. M.

RECESS

Presbytery was called to order at 3 o'clock P. M.

Rev. G. A. Hough was assigned to the Committee on Visitation in district number two.

M. D. McNEILL.

Mr. M. D. McNeill appeared in Presbytery as an applicant for a place under its care as a candidate for the Holy Ministry. A letter from the Session of Union Church was read introducing him, and recommending him to the Presbytery as a fit person for admission as a candidate. His examination was made the last order of the day during the evening sitting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The unfinished business being the report of the Committee on Church and Christian Education, it was resumed, and its reading concluded and the report received. The historical part was ordered to be published in the North Carolina Presbyterian and in the appendix to the minutes (see appendix). The recommendations were considered seriatim, and are as follows:

1. That the committee be authorized to endeavor by such methods as may to it appear wisest to secure from the churches of the Presbytery, subscriptions to establish, on a permanent basis, an academy of a high grade and equal to the foremost, for the work of preparing boys for college or business life, at the lowest possible cost, and that bidding for the location of the said school be thrown open to such places as may want it, and the result of said canvass for subscriptions and such bids as may be made be submitted to Presbytery at the next regular meeting, if not at a meeting called earlier for the purpose.

2. That our Ministers be instructed to lay before their several charges the great importance of this subject, and that the Sessions of all our churches, in conjunction with their Stated Supplies or Pastors, be urged to concert measures, either by individual or church action, or by a union of churches for the establishment of such schools as shall be eminent for their nice scholarship and Christian discipline, and report the results of such efforts in writing at the next Spring meeting.

3. That the committee be instructed to investigate the legal status of the Donaldson Academy property with a view to concerting action with the trustees of the same, looking to the establishment of a high school for girls, and also that an investigation be made in concert with the stockholders of the Floral College property, with the same purpose in view, and report thereon at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Adopted.

INSTITUTE FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS.

Elder William Black introduced a resolution looking to the establishment of an Annual Normal Institute for Elders and Deacons, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. Joseph Evans, Rev. J. M. Rose and Elders L. P. Tyson, L. Shaw and J. M. McIver, to prepare a report thereon.

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill submitted the report of the Home Missions Committee. It is as follows:

The Home Missions Committee would report as follows for the year ending April 1st, 1882:

I—AS TO MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The Presbytery has on its roll, or located within its bounds, twenty-five ordained Ministers; three of these are infirm, and two are laboring outside of our bounds. During the past year twenty laboring Ministers have had promised them $23,500, and received an average salary of $1,175.

II—AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOME MISSIONS.

As Presbytery did not change the names and system of contributions for Home Missions objects until December 16, 1891, some of these contributions have been made under the heads of Sustentation, White Evangelistic Fund, Church Erection, Presbyterial Home Missions, and Presbyterial Evangelistic Fund. This report will mention, under these heads, as given by our Treasurer, the amounts contributed by our churches to Home Missions objects during the year:

For Presbyterial Evangelistic	$ 1,279 40
For Sustentation	332 68
For Church Erection	30 49
For White Evangelistic Fund	321 78
For Presbyterial Home Missions	164 53
	$ 2,128 88

Amount paid Evangelist for year	$ 1,200 00
Contributed to other Home Mission objects	928 88

Hereafter contributions in January and August, according to Presbyterial action, will be for Presbyterial Home Missions, those in February and June for Synodical Home Missions, those in September for General Assembly's Home Missions, and will be so reported by the Presbyterial Treasurer.

AMOUNTS PAID DURING THE YEAR FROM DIFFERENT HOME MISSIONS FUNDS.

From Sustentation Fund—Rev. W. F. Thom	$ 225 00
" ' " " Rev. K. A. McLeod	50 00
	$ 275 00

From White Evangelistic Fund—Rev. W. F. Thom	$ 150 00
" " " " " Rev. K. A. McLeod	25 00
	$ 175 00

Your committee recommend that Presbytery direct its Treasurer to close the accounts of Sustentation, Church Erection and White Evangelistic Fund, on his books, by transferring the balances to these accounts to the credit of Presbyterial Home Missions.

They also recommend that $75, borrowed from the White Evangelistic Fund in 1890, and properly due the Assembly's Treasurer, be forwarded by our Treasurer from the Presbyterial Home Missions Fund, to the Assembly's Home Missions Fund.

AMOUNTS DUE FROM PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS TO JANUARY 1, 1892.

To Rev. W. F. Thom to January 1, 1890	$ 68 04
" " " " " for 1890	60 00
" " " " " for 1891	100 00
	$ 228 04

APPROPRIATIONS FROM PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS FUND FOR 1892.

For Rev. W F. Thom's field	$ 300 00
For Rev. K. A. McLeod's field	100 00
	$ 400 00
For Culdee Church building	20 00
For Mt. Carmel Church building	25 00
	$ 445 00

Should the balances, according to the Treasurer's statement, be transferred from the Sustentation, Church Erection and White Evangelistic Funds to the Presbyterial Home Mission Fund, it would make that Fund as follows:

Presbyterial Home Mission Fund	$ 164 53
Balance from Sustentation	57 68
Amount from Church Erection	30 49
Balance from White Evangelistic	146 78
To credit of Presbyterial Home Missions April 1, 1892	$ 399 48

III—AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS.

The amount borrowed from the Sustentation Fund and now to be returned from Presbyterial Home Missions Fund....$ 75 00

IV—AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

Reported by Treasurer as contributed to April 1, 1892........$ 482 77

The apportionment in our churches for this Fund during 1892 is $900. That for each church is published in Fall minutes for 1891. Few of the collections for February have been received, and the collections for June remain to be taken.

V—AS TO COLORED EVANGELISTIC FUND, INCLUDING TUSCALOOSA INSTITUTE.

The Treasurer reports as contributed for the year............$ 176 78

The appropriation, made by Presbytery in 1891 for aiding McPhatter colored church in employing Rev. Reubin C. James, $50, has been fully paid.

Your committee recommend that a similar appropriation of $50 from this Fund be made to this church for the same purpose in 1892, and that the remainder be forwarded to the Assembly's Treasury.

VI—AS TO INVALID FUND.

Contributed to this Fund for the year	$ 209 61
To be sent Assembly's Treasury	209 61

APPROPRIATIONS ASKED FOR 1891.

For Rev. J. P. McPherson	$ 40 00
For Rev. James McQueen	25 00
For Mrs. John H. Coble	50 00
For Mrs. A. M. Watson	25 00
	$ 140 00

These appropriations have been fully paid.

VII—AS TO SUPPLIES FOR VACANT CHURCHES AND FIELDS.

That Sherwood Church be supplied as follows: Rev. Joseph Evans one Sabbath, Rev. J. S. Black one Sabbath, Rev. A. J. McKelway one Sabbath, Rev. D. Fairley one Sabbath, and Rev. D. D. McBryde one Sabbath and Sacrament.

That the group of churches consisting of Rockingham, Mark's Creek, Ellerbe Springs, Mt. Carmel and Jackson Springs be supplied by Rev. Daniel W. Fox, until the Fall meeting of Presbytery, upon such terms as may be agreeable to him and sanctioned by the Home Mission Committee.

That the group of Churches consisting of White Hill, St Andrews and Mt. Pisgah, be supplied by Candidate D. M. McIver, until Fall meeting, upon terms satisfactory to him and approved by the Home Missions Committee.

That Rev. K. A. McLeod be directed to preach one Sabbath each month, and on the fifth Sabbaths, at the villages of Wadesville and Onville; that an effort be made at these points to raise him $125 for service rendered, and that Presbytery appropriate to his field from the Presbyterial Home Mission Fund, $150 for the current year, instead of $100, as ordered at last fall meeting.

Received and adopted.

PRESBYTERIAL EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Rev. P. R. Law submitted the report of the Presbyterial Evangelistic Committee as follows:

Your committee on Presbyterial Evangelistic Work would report that the resignation of Rev. A. R. Shaw, our Evangelist, was accepted in the month of January. Since that time we have had no Evangelist. We met and elected two men, but both of them declined the call to the work. The time required to conduct the correspondence in making these two calls found us so near the meeting of Presbytery we resolved to wait and lay the whole matter before the body for its immediate consideration.

The report of the Treasurer shows nothing in his hands to the credit of the Presbyterial Evangelistic Fund. The report of the Treasurer shows also that there are in his hands, to the credit of the Presbyterial Home Missions Fund, $139.68, two-thirds of which ($93.12) is subject to the order of this committee, for the payment of the salary of an Evangelist. We recommend:

1. That the Evangelistic Committee be abolished, and the duties with which it has been charged in the conduct of the work hitherto known as Presbyterial Evangelistic Work be transferred to the Presbyterial Home Mission Committee.
2. That the election of an Evangelist be committed to the Presbyterial Home Missions Committee to be elected by it as soon as it can in its judgment do so with safety.

Received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The resolutions on Evangelistic Work, which were introduced by Rev. Joseph Evans and docketed, were taken from the docket and amended so as to read as follows:

1. That the Pastors and Stated Supplies of our Presbytery be and are hereby recommended to give as much time as they can in justice to their own fields of labor in doing the work of Evangelists in the unwrought territory lying around their churches by preaching the Word on week days and on Sabbath days, whenever practicable, and by conducting at appropriate times protracted meetings at such points.
2. That a report of such services be made at each meeting of Presbytery by those rendering them.

Adopted.

SYNODICAL EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

Rev. M. McG. Shields submitted the report of the Executive Committee of Synodical Evangelization. It is as follows:

Your committee would report that in obedience to the instructions of Presbytery inquiries were made of those churches pledged to the Maxwell Fund as to whether said pledges had been redeemed. It was ascertained that all, save $40, had been paid. Ten dollars of this was paid at once. From the churches pledged to the remainder your committee was unable to obtain a response. The further fact was elicited that payments of most of these pledges were not particularly specified, and were placed with the General Synodical Fund. Even with this, there was an arrearage due the general fund Circular letters were addressed to the several churches urging them to give this matter their immediate attention.

In order to meet all arrears and to raise the amount desired by the Synodical Committee, the sum of $900 was apportioned among the different churches by the Home Mission's Committee for the cause of Synodical Evangelization. The churches were duly notified of the amount thus individually apportioned. Owing to the fact that few of the collections for February have reached the Treasurer, we are unable to state the progress made in raising the above apportionment. We hope the amount will be fully and promptly paid.

Received and adopted.

REV. MESSRS. R. W. BOYD AND N. E. COLTRAINE.

Rev. R. W. Boyd of Concord Presbytery was invited to sit in the Presbytery as a Corresponding Member and was formally introduced by the Moderator. Rev. N. E. Coltraine of the Methodist Episcopal Church was invited to sit in the Presbytery as a visiting Brother and was introduced by the Moderator.

Presbytery receded from business until 8 o'clock in the evening.

RECESS.

Presbytery convened at 8 o'clock in the evening, and heard the Presbyterial Sermon on "Infant Salvation," by Rev. Jos. Evans.

THE SYNODICAL ORPHANAGE.

Rev. R. W. Boyd made an address in behalf of the Synodical Orphanage, of which he is Superintendent. After which a collection was taken up amounting to $57.

Rev. W. B. Arrowood offered the following resolutions respecting the Orphanage:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville desires to express its entire sympathy with the efforts of the Synod of North Carolina to provide a "Home" for the care and training of orphan children. And for the furtherance of this object the Presbytery adopts the following, viz:

RESOLVED, 1. That we heartily approve the purpose and plan of the Regents to erect two buildings for the Orphans' Home at Barium Springs this Summer, and we commend the enterprise to the cordial sympathy and the earnest prayers and the liberal support of all our people.

RESOLVED, 2 That we will endeavor to secure in Fayetteville Presbytery an equitable proportion of the six thousand dollars called for by the Regents, without incurring the expense of requiring an Agent to canvass our churches.

RESOLVED. 3. That we urge all our Ministers and Church Sessions to undertake the work of collection in their respective churches in their own way.

The Presbytery would, however recommend that the contributions be secured by personal solicitation and subscription, rather than by public collections. And it is further suggested that either the Deacons, a committee of ladies and gentlemen, be appointed to canvass the members for this object, after it has been fully represented, publicly, by the Ministers

It is highly important that the subscriptions be paid by the first of January, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The subscriptions, when made, should be reported at once to Mr. J. E. Oates, Treasurer, Charlotte, N. C., and all moneys collected should be forwarded to the same.

Adopted.

REPORT ON PRESBYTERIAL SERMON.

Rev. W. B. Arrowood read the following report on the Preacher and Subject of the Presbyterial Sermon for the next meeting:

The committee appointed to nominate the preacher and a subject for the Presbyterial Sermon at the next regular meeting of Presbytery would recommend that Rev. D. Fairley be appointed to preach during the sessions of the Fall meeting of Presbytery, a sermon on Family Training. That Rev. A. N. Ferguson be alternate to Rev. D. Fairley.

Received and adopted.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

Rev. A. N. Ferguson read the report of the Standing Committee on Education. It is as follows:

Your committee would report that of the fourteen candidates under the care of Presbytery six are in college, viz: A. K. Pool, J. D. Arnold, C E. Hodgin and Arch. McLauchlin at Davidson, J. G. Conoly at Southwestern Presbyterian University, and K. A. Campbell at Hampden Sidney. Five are in the Theological Seminary, viz: W. L. Harrel, D. M. McIver and A. A McGeachy at Union, J. D. Currie at Columbia, and L. L. Little at Princeton. Allen Jones, Jr., is engaged in teaching, J L. Wicker is pursuing a course of study under the direction of Rev. J. W Johnston.

C. A. Jones has not reported to your committee since received under the care of Presbytery, three years ago, neither can we find out anything definite in regard to him or his intentions for the future. As to contributions, the Treasurer reports that $391 22 has been received by him during the ecclesiastical year ending April 1, 1892. We trust, however, that this amount will be materially increased during the present month, as the General Assembly requires that contributions be made during the month for the cause of Education. And this is altogether essential if this Presbytery would fulfil the pledge made at last Fall meeting of contributing $700 as its proportionate part of $30,000 recommended by the General Assembly.

Received and adopted.

FOURTH SECTION OF RECORDS.

Rev. D. N. McLauchlin made the report on the Sessional Records of the fourth section. It is as follows:

The records of White Hill, Union and St Andrews approved.

Pittsboro, Smyrna, Summerville, Galatia and Red Springs approved, except they contain no entry of Reciprocal Duties.

Pocket approved, except no report to Synod and no record of Reciprocal Duties.

Received and adopted.

FIRST SECTION OF RECORDS.

Rev. A. N. Ferguson made the report on the first section of the Sessional Records. It is as follows:

We recommend the approval of Ashpole, Centre, Cameron and Big Rockfish

We recommend the approval of the following with the exceptions named:

Carthage with the exception that no report of Reciprocal Duties is recorded Culdee, with the exceptions that the annual report to Presbytery is not recorded, and there is no entry of Reciprocal Duties. Buffalo, except there is no record of Reciprocal Duties. Bethel, except that of the meetings of Session held March 22, 1892, May 9, May 10, and June 14, it is not stated that they were opened with prayer; and October 24th, the Session adjourned to meet the next day and was not adjourned with prayer or opened with prayer on meeting the next day Barbacue, except they have not been before Presbytery since April 1890, and no report is made on Reciprocal Duties Bluff, with exception there is no report on Reciprocal Duties.

Received and adopted.

SECOND SECTION OF RECORDS.

Rev. K. A. McLeod made the report of the Committee on the second section of the Sessional Records. It is as follows:

The records of the following Church Sessions have been examined and approved: Cypress, Lebanon, Jonesboro, Keyser, Laurel Hill and Laurinburg.

The records of the following Church Sessions have been examined and approved, with the exceptions named: Flat Branch, had only two meetings of the session during the last year. Gulf Session dismissed Mr. W. C. Hart, at his own request, to join any church in the bounds of which, in the prominence of God, his lot might be cast. Haywood Church Sessional Records fail to show whe her the session was opened or closed with prayer or not.

Received and adopted.

M. D. McNEILL EXAMINED.

The order of the day, the examination of M. D. McNeill, was taken up, and he was examined on his experimental acquaintance with the plan of salvation and motives for seeking the Holy Ministry. After many attestations as to his piety and standing, he was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Ministry.

It was ordered that Candidate M. D. McNeill be examined on the Latin and Greek languages.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, April 15, 1892.

Presbytery was called to order according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Elder William Black.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The report on Systematic Beneficence was read, received and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes (see appendix), and a copy forwarded to the General Assembly.

NARRATIVE TAKEN FROM DOCKET.

The Narrative on the State of Religion was taken from the docket and referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, Rev. P. R. Law and Elder, J. A. McAllister, to report recommendations for changes in it.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer, J. A. McAllister, sudmitted his annual report, which was read, in part, and received and adopted and ordered to be published in the appendix to the minutes (see appendix).

It was ordered that the Treasurer be allowed five dollars annually for stationery.

OVERTURE OF CENTRE CHURCH ADOPTED.

Rev. A N. Ferguson, chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, read the following report:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommend the adoption of the overture from Centre Church.

Received and adopted.

TRIAL SUBJECTS FOR D. J. CURRIE.

The following subjects for trial exercises were assigned to Candidate D. J. Currie: For his Trial Sermon, Romans VI: 1; Popular Lecture, Psalm XXIII; Critical Exegesis, Hebrews VI: 1–6; Latin Thesis, *Sit Sanctus Spiritus*,

MEMORIAL SKETCH.

Rev. D. Fairley, Rev. M. McG. Shields and Elder D. C. Shaw, were appointed a committee to prepare a memorial sketch of the life and labors of the late Rev. James McQueen.

EXAMINATION OF D. M. McIVER RESUMED.

The examination of Candidate D. M. McIver on Theology was resumed and sustained as a satisfactory part of trial. He was also examined on Church History, Church Government and the Sacraments, on the Hebrew, Latin, and Greek languages, on Moral and Mental Science, on the English Branches, and his Latin Thesis and Greek Critical were also examined, and all approved as satisfactory parts of trial.

The hour for Divine Worship having arrived, Presbytery receded from business until 2 : 30 P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order at 2 : 30 P. M.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Elder J. M. McIver submitted the following report from the Committee on Leave of Absence:

The following members were excused after Thursday: Rev's D. W. Fox, D. D. McBryde and Elders N. B. Brown, A. M. Wicker, R. N. Buie, D. J. McDonald and M McLean.

The following members were excused after Friday forenoon: Rev's A. N. Ferguson, W. B. Arrowood, W. M Eldridge, K. A. McLeod and Elders J. T. Roberts, J. B. Graham, D. Z. Harden, D. A. Blue, J. A. McAllister, D. Y. White, John Darrah, J. L. Currie, A. McLean, M. McL. McKeithan, J. W Scott, L. P. Tyson and J. B. Massemore.

Received and adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The report of the Standing Committee on Sabbath-schools was read, received and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes (see appendix), and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE INCREASED.

On motion of Rev. P. R. Law, Elders J. M. McIver, J. C. McCaskill and Dr. J. W. McNeill were added to the Home Missions Committee.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Rev. P. R. Law, Rev. J. M. Clark and Elders L. Shaw and J. A. McAllister, were appointed a committee, with the Agent of Sabbath-schools, Rev. J. S. Black, as chairman, to select the time and place and prepare a programme of topics and speakers for a Presbyterial Sabbath-school Convention.

TO THE STATED CLERK.

The Stated Clerk was empowered to make use of the statistics of the Treasurer's report in the absence of reports from the churches and when the reports from the churches are inaccurate, in preparing the Statistical Report for the General Assembly.

COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

Rev. G. A. Hough submitted the report of the Executive Committee on Colored Evangelization. The report was received. The statistics and recommendation of the report are as follows:

The whole amount received by the Treasurer for this object is $127.78, which is an average of $3.74 per church contributing, and $1.98 each for the sixty-four churches of the Presbytery, and a little over 1¾ cents per capita for our church members.

Recommendation: That all our Ministers and people be requested and urged to do evangelistic work among the colored people whenever and wherever an opportunity presents itself.

Adopted.

CALL CHANGED.

The terms of the call of Lumberton Church was changed, whereby the salary of the Pastor was reduced to four hundred dollars.

REPORT OF COLPORTEUR.

The Colportuer of Presbytery, D. J. Campbell, submitted the following report of work done during the year ending April 1, 1892:

Books sold, $497.75; paid committee, $400; miles traveled, 1,060; houses visited, 580; services held, 31; Sabbath-schools organized, 1; prayer-meetings organized, 2; books on hand, about $175; due the committee for same, $183.

Received and adopted.

COLPORTAGE AND NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. D. N. McLauchlin, the Agent of Publication and Colportage and the North Carolina Presbyterian, submitted the following report:

Our publishing house is self-sustaining, and no report will be made on Publication. During the year just closed thirty-four of our churches have contributed the sum of $160.53 to the work of Colportage, thirty churches have made no contribution at all.

At the beginning of the year there was a balance in the treasury of $19 99, total available funds, therefore, for the year, $180.42. Disbursements during the year, $71.09, amount in the treasury on April 1, $109.43.

The work at present is out of debt, but there is only $9.33 in the treasury. Other funds have been contributed, which have not yet found their way into the treasury.

It is very desirable that the work be enlarged and made more efficient at this time, and your Agent would make the following recommendations:

That the Ministers of this Presbytery be very earnest and faithful during the coming year in explaining to the congregations the nature and importance of this work, making it clear that the contributions are for Colportage and not for Publication, that it is decidedly important, at this time, that sound, pure and timely literature be circulated, that the Colportage work is the handmaid of the Evangelistic work, that it is the only evangelizer of many homes in our bounds.

That each Colportuer keep a record of families visited, to the end that he may be enabled to report to Ministers persons in or near their charges to whom they should give attention.

That in churches where it can be done an extra collection be taken up for the cause before October.

The Presbytery commends again the North Carolina Presbyterian to the patronage of her churches Our people cannot be informed and interested in the work of our Presbytery and Synod unless they read the paper containing the news and accounts of our work being done. The Presbytery insists on her Ministers acting as agents for the paper, and where this is impracticable that thev appoint, at once, an active and competent agent in each congregation where they preach.

Received and adopted.

CANDIDATE D. M. McIVER EXAMINED FURTHER.

The examination of Candidate D. M. McIver on the Latin and Greek languages was reported favorably by the committee in charge of the same, and approved as satisfactory.

ORDER TO TREASURER.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was ordered to pay out of the Presbyterial Fund the expenses incurred by the Committee on Sabbath Observance, for printing, postage and stationery.

ANSWER TO DR STACY'S QUESTIONS.

Rev. D. N. McLauchlin, chairman of the special committee to which was referred the interrogations of Rev. Dr. Stacy, respecting the observance of the Sabbath, read the report of the committee, which was approved and ordered to be forwarded to Rev. Dr. Stacy.

CANDIDATE M. D. McNEILL EXAMINED IN PART.

The examination of Candidate M. D. McNeill on the Latin and Greek languages was reported favorably by the committee and approved as satisfactory.

INSTITUTE FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS.

The special committee to which was referred the paper respecting the holding of an Annual Normal Institute for Elders and Deacons, submitted the following report:

That Presbytery direct the holding of a Normal Institute for Elders and Deacons annually between the Spring and Fall meetings, for the purpose of increasing their knowledge of the scriptures and duty, and their skill in using the Divine Word.

That our Elders and Deacons be urged to attend these Institutes.

That the Moderator at each Spring meeting shall appoint a committee of three Ministers and three Elders, who shall appoint a time and place for this Normal Institute, arrange and publish a programme, select speakers, and make all the needful arrangements.

Received and adopted.

COMMITTEE FOR FIRST INSTITUTE.

Elders William Black, T. P. Tyson, S. C. Rankin and Rev. Messrs. D. N. McLauchlin, J. M. Clark and P. R. Law, were appointed the committee to make arrangements for the first Normal Institute for Elders and Deacons.

POPULAR LECTURE OF D. M. McIVER.

The Popular Lecture of Candidate D. M. McIver was heard and approved as a satisfactory part of trial. The examinations of Candidate D. M. McIver were approved as a whole.

REPORT POSTPONED.

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial sketch of the life and labors of Rev. James McQueen were given until the next meeting to prepare its report.

TIME FOR LICENSURE FIXED.

It was ordered that Candidate D M. McIver be formally licensed as a Probationer for the Holy Ministry to-night at the conclusion of the exercises connected with the hearing of the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

CANDIDATE M. D. McNEILL EXAMINED FURTHER.

The examination of Candidate M. D. McNeill on the English Branches was reported favorably by the committee in charge of the same, and the report approved as satisfactory.

SERMON TO BE PUBLISHED.

A committee, consisting of Elders L. Shaw, J. W. McLauchlin and William Black, was appointed to take in charge the raising of funds and publishing, in pamphlet form, the sermon preached by Rev. Joseph Evans on Infant Salvation.

NARRATIVE FINALLY ADOPTED.

The special committee, to which the Narrative was taken from the docket and referred, submitted it so amended as to read as follows:

NARRATIVE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES OF FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Fayetteville Presbytery includes within its bounds sixty-four churches. These churches are supplied by twenty-four Ministers, whose time and talents are devoted to the work to which they are called of God. A number of the churches have not sent reports on the State of Regeligion. We therefore are under the necessity of making our report partly from the statistics furnished in other reports, and of forming our judgment, from the number of additions to our churches. and from the evidence of devotion to the cause of Christ, which are furnished in the sacrifices made in the contributions of the churches.

The additions to our churches are fewer than for several years past, averaging only about three to each church. Three of our churches have been visited with seasons of revival, and report from twelve to twenty-five accessions. As might be expected from the financial stringency of the times, there is indicated a falling off in the contributions of our churches. This falling off will be greatest in the line of domestic missionary and evangelistic work, to which more earnest and more successful efforts, than ever before, have been directed. There is hence reason to fear, that reaction has taken place, in this important branch of the work of the church, and therefore calls loudly for the watchmen on the walls of Zion to sound the alarm.

We are without any Presbyterial Evangelist, and this part of the work, so fruitful in results in the past few years, has been in suspense two months, but efforts, however, are being made to secure one. Our churches, with one exception, are, or will be, supplied with the regular ministrations of the gospel. The ordinances of religion are dispensed to our people. The general tenor of the reports shows they are attended upon with many evidences of seriousness and spiritual edification. The large number of additions to our churches, in the past few years, and the unprecedented stringency of the times, will account for much in our situation that would otherwise be very discouraging.

The reports show that the attendance upon public worship is good, that peace and harmony prevail. That our Sabbath-school work is in a healthy condition, and that our churches generally are working with more than usual earnestness in lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes. Most of the reports allude to the sad neglect of family worship, of family religion and of regular catechetical instruction. There is another feature in the reports which is a cause of regret and that is so large a portion of the churches are ministered to by Stated Supplies, notwithstanding this unpresbyterian system has been discourged by Presbytery.

Under all these circumstances, we feel the need of the presence and influence of the Holy Spirit, the need of earnest work for our Divine Master, and fresh supplies of that faith which is from above and knows no discouragement.

We are not discouraged, but hopeful. Our trust is in Him who has all power, and who will give the victory. With the two exceptions, of numbers added and contributions, our churches are in better working condition than ever before. We feel therefore that we have cause of devout thankfulness to God for His mercy, and for the assurance of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our beloved church.

Received and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Presbytery receded from business until 8 P. M.

RECESS.

Presbytery was called to order at 8 P. M.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The order of the day, hearing the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, was taken up. Rev. Joseph Evans, the Agent, submitted the report as follows:

It is with very mingled feelings that your Agent lays before you this annual report. Gratitude to God we have every reason to feel for the many tokens of His favor on our efforts—thankful too and hopeful we have reason to be for the advances that by God's grace we have already made. Yet on the other hand when we think of what we might have done, of what, in justice and gratitude to Jesus, and in love to our fellow men, we ought to have done, have we not reason for deep humiliation. And, when we think of the vast and glorious possibilities that are opening up before us, of the opportunities we have for doing high and holy work for God and suffering humanity; work wide-reaching and eternal, we can not but feel some anxiety, apprehension even, lest we fail to do in this as we might and ought.

As regards our reasons for gratitude the permanent committee of Foreign Missions says in its report to the last General Assembly: "The Assembly recognizes the hand of our God in the equal blessings which have attended the preaching of the gospel in the lands occupied by our missionaries, in His leading so many of our young men and women to consecrate their lives to this holy work, and in His prompting in the hearts of His people a spirit of liberality, the like of which our church has never seen." And to the same effect are the words of Dr. Houston, only more specific. It is but six years since our Missionaries went to Japan. They found in the city of Kochi fifteen Presbyterian communicants. Now they have under their care in that city and the country around 700 communicants. In China what steadfastness and joyful faith the native christians exhibited in the disturbances of last year, when their lives were in danger. In Mexico the Presbytery organized by our missionaries continues to enlarge its borders. In Brazil the churches planted by us are rapidly developing into self-supporting, strong bodies. In the Congo Free State of Africa the pioneers of our church find themselves in the midst of large, intelligent, friendly tribes, on the upper waters of one of the main tributaries of the Congo river, a region untouched by any Missionaries, save our own. Did space allow, we might point out the special tokens of God's favor to the work done by our church among the Greeks, in Italv and Cuba. We have reason for gratitude to God and for encouragement in our work, in advances we have made, especially of late years. Within the last seven years the number of our Missionaries has doubled. Now the increase of laborers necessarily implies a proportionate increase in the contributions of our church According to the report presented to the last General Assembly the contributions of our church for the year then ending were forty per cent. greater than those of any previous year. Now all this is encouraging, for which it becomes us to thank God and press more earnestly forward.

But when we think of the eight or nine hundred millions of our race that are still in heathen darkness—of their appalling need of the gospel—when we think of the means at our disposal, of the hundreds of millions in the hands of our 170,000 communicants, of the striking disproportion between what we expend, as a church, at home as compared with what we send abroad, not to mention the millions that are wasted, nay far worse than wasted, by many of the professed disciples of Jesus, have we not reason to bow before God in deepest humiliation, and to entreat His pardon for having done so little in the past, and to resolve, by God's grace, to witness the genuineness of our penitence by giving and laboring for this cause much more faithfully in days to come.

In line with these facts is the resolution adopted by the last General Assembly. That in view of the call sounding now more loudly than ever for both men and women in the foreign field, the Assembly lays it upon the conscience of the church, and for the sake of her dear Lord, to raise within the ensuing year the sum of $150,000 for this cause. Now of this $150,000 our Synod assumed to raise as her share $30,000. Of this sum it is hoped that our Presbytery will contribute before the next meeting of our Synod its fair share, viz: $5,600, or $1,600 more than was reported to the last General Assembly. Of this there is an encouraging prospect, from the fact that notwithstanding the unusual scarcity of money during the past year, our Treasurer reports a larger amount than has been contributed in any previous year. And it is to be hoped that the contributions during the month of May, a time long sacred to this cause, will roll up our share towards this decided but needful advance in the Master's work.

The contributions of our Presbytery for the year ending April 1st, according to our Treasurer's statement, is as follows:

From collections in our churches	$1,718 16
Sabbath-schools	136 03
Childrens' Societies	274 33
Observance of Children's Day	149 07
Gentlemen's Societies	224 46
Ladies' Missionary Societies	1,5 6 00

From the above it will be seen that the Ladies' Missionary Societies are doing a very efficient work in this cause. The contributions have been increasing steadily and very decidedly, especially during the last two or three years. The zeal and efficiency of these societies we have every reason to believe has been greatly increased by the zealous and efficient labors of the President of Ladies Presbyterial Union, Mrs. E. McRae, of Maxton, who, during the year ending last August, visited as a labor of love, refusing all remuneration for her services, thirty-six of these societies, spending two or three days in the neighborhood of each.

To quicken our zeal in this high and holy enterprise, to increase our efficiency as laborers in it, to secure the more general co-operation of all our members in it, your Agent recommends as follows:

That the monthly concert for prayer for Foreign Missions be more generally observed in our churches, and that our Sessions make more faithful efforts to increase its interest and efficiency.

That in order to do this they inform themselves more fully on this great subject. To assist them in this our Foreign Mission Rooms issues leaflets and other publications, at a nominal price, containing much valuable information.

That before our May collection our Sessions secure from our Foreign Mission Committee the envelopes and leaflets (which they offer free for this purpose) and distribute them among their members for use in this collection.

That a faithful effort be made to enlist more generally the young of our churches in this cause, by means of children's societies, the observance of the Childrens' Day, and if not by these by a collection taken up in the Sabbath-schools.

By securing a more general circulation of our organ for Foreign Missions—the Missionary.

The report was received. On the motion to adopt it addresses were delivered on the report and the general subject of Foreign Missions by Rev. D. N. McLauchlin, Elder Wm. Black, Rev. J. M. Rose and Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and a collection made amounting to $18.72. The report was then adopted as a whole.

CANDIDATE D. M. McIVER LICENSED.

Candidate D. M. McIver was formally licensed as a Probationer for the Holy Ministry according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order.

CALL RETURNED.

The call which had been presented by White Hill Church for the Pastoral services of Candidate D. M. McIver was ordered to be returned to the church.

FORWARDING COLLECTIONS.

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. P. R. Law:

RESOLVED, That the Presbytery of Fayetteville hereby reiterates and emphasizes the standing rule that all of its churches are required to send and are hereby urged to send all of their collections, whether by societies or any other agencies, direct to the Presbyterial Treasurer, in order that the Presbytery may get full credit for all of its contributions.

Adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Rev. P. R. Law introduced the following resolution of thanks:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Presbytery are hereby returned to the people of Pittsboro for their cordial, elegant and abounding hospitality during this meeting, to the railroad companies which have granted reduction in fares over their lines to the meeting, and especially to the management of the R. & A. A L. road for the special favor of furnishing an extra train to enable its members to return to their homes and charges by the coming Sabbath.

Adopted by a standing vote.

The minutes of the proceedings of the day were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Fayetteville, N. C., April 20, prox at 4 P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. M. CLARK,
Moderator.

J. S. BLACK,
J. W. MCLAUCHLIN, } *Temporary Clerks.*

ATTEST: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

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ADJOURNED

MEETING AT FAYETTEVILLE.

WEDNESDAY, 4 P. M., APRIL 20, 1892.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev J. M. Clark.

ROLL.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
H. G. Hill,	Dr. J. W. McNeill,	Fayetteville.
J. M. Rose,	....	....
D. N. McLauchlin,	....	....
J. M. Clark,	....	....

TEMPORARY CLERK.

Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill was made Temporary Clerk.

REV. A. J. McKELWAY RECEIVED.

A certificate from Albemarle Presbytery dismissing Rev. A. J. McKelway to be united with Fayetteville Presbytery, was read, whereupon he was examined upon Experimental Religion, Theology and Church Government and admitted to membership according to the requrements of the Book of Church Order, and directed to sign the required obligation.

CALL OF FAYETTEVILLE CHURCH.

A call from Fayetteville Church for the Pastoral services of Rev. A. J. McKelway for all of his time, on a salary of twelve hundred dollars, was presented, found in order, and placed in his hands and accepted by him.

INSTALLATION ORDERED.

It was ordered that Rev. A. J. McKelway be installed tonight at 8 o'clock, and that Rev. J. M. Rose preside and propound the constitutional questions and charge the Pastor, Rev. D. N. McLauchlin preach the sermon, and Rev. J. M. Clark charge the people.

Presbytery receded from business until 8 o'clock.

RECESS.

Presbytery convened at 8 o'clock P. M.

INSTALLATION.

The order of the day, the installation of Rev. A. J. McKelway, was taken, and he was formally installed Pastor, according to the order made.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bethesda Church at 11 A. M., Tuesday before the first Sabbath in October, 1892.

J. M. CLARK,
Moderator.

H. G. HILL, D. D.,
Temporary Clerk.
ATTEST: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

THE HISTORICAL DATA OF THE REPORT ON CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO PRESBYTERY AT PITTSBORO.

In order to lay before Presbytery such facts as are needed to revive its lost interest in the subject and to enable it to plan as wisely and act as energetically as the importance of the cause demands, we have in the first place made use of all the traditions and records known to and accessible to us and carefully prepared as complete an outline of the history of the Schools and Education of the past as possible. And in order to make a clear and full presentation of existing educational work and prospects, we addressed letters of inquiry to Ministers or Elders in every section of the Presbytery asking for information covering the number of schools under church control and their condition and prospects; and embracing also, all the schools under the control, or ownership, or management of Presbyterians with no Ecclesiastical connection Such replies as we received from these inquiries we have condensed and classified for an outline of the history of the Schools of the present as a prophecy of the Education of the future

We present these two outlines for comparrison, the one following the other, beginning with the former.

The first Ministers of Fayetteville church, Rev. David Kerr, who began his work there in 1791, Rev. John Robinson in 1800, Rev. Andrew Flinn in 1803, Rev. Leftwitch Turner in 1809, and others, were teachers of schools as well as Preachers of the Gospel

In 1803 and forward through many years a number of highly educated and consecrated christian young men opened and conducted schools of high grade and great usefulness. Prominent among this series of noble workers was Rev. Murdoch McMillan who taught a large school near Bethesda church in Moore County. Many of our prominent and successful men in church and State received their training of heart and head under his tuition Rev. Jno. McIntyre was prepared for the Ministry in this school. It was held in high repute and widely known and largely patronized by Robeson, Richmond, Montgomery, and Cumberland counties, as well as by Moore.

Rev. Dr. Morrison opened a school of high grade in Fayetteville which had such a career of success and efficiency under the masterly and saintly conduct of the Principal that a marble slab in the present church editice in Fayetteville was contributed by a grateful people to keep alive a memory of him and his great work.

Duncan McLaurin taught a school of superior scholarship and christian discipline on the road leading from Lumberton to Wadesboro and inside the bounds of Laurel Hill church which was patronized largely by pupils drawn from the whole territory between Wilmington and Wadesboro. Rev. James A. McNeill, Rev. George M. Gibbs and Rev. D. C. Campbell received in this school their entire training—a training of the highest excellence—preparatory to their Seminary course. Here also Senator Hawley of Connecticut received, perhaps, his earliest school training.

One of the foremost teachers of the first half of the century was Rev. Hugh McLaurin, who was reared in what is now the bounds of Smyrna church in Richmond county. He taught in several places with great acceptance and unbounded success before he finally entered the Ministry. One of his most successful schools was conducted near Mr. D. P. McEachern's in the neighborhood of Montpelier church. He gave up this school to enter Union Seminary. After the conclusion of his theological course he was settled as Pastor of Mineral Springs church, which is now called Jackson Springs church, and opened there a Parochial school, the influences of which are still pulsating for good in that immediate community and the surrouuding country.

"The Log College," as a venerable Brother writes, "was not a fixture at any place, but seems to have always been in existence in some one or more of our churches within our bounds." Later on, about 1830, an effort was successfully made to establish a school of high order within the bounds of Presbytery. It was located finally in Fayetteville, and called Donaldson Academy in honor of Mr. Donaldson who had given largely for its endowment In its palmiest days it numbered one hundred and fifty or more boys on its roll of pupils. Its patronage came not merely from Cumberland, but from all the surrounding counties. With the retirement of Dr. Colton this school collapsed, we are led to infer from the data at our command, and has, so far as we know, never been resuscitated

"The Sainted Daniel Johnston," to use the phrase of a loving and venerable friend, did a great and enduring educational work at Summerville in Harnette County. The high school he established there has been perpetuated by a series of saintly teachers who were either Preachers, Elders, or official church members. The roll runs thus: McLean, Colton, McNair, Andrews, Black, Cameron, Plummer, down to the present, when we find it in charge of B. T. Hodge, a finished scholar and devout Elder, who was once a theological student in Union Seminary. No school in our bounds is superior to it in the estimation of those who know it.

At a point, precisely where we are left in doubt, but near the Robeson County line inside Richmond County, not remote from Montpelier church, a school was taught which was pre-eminent for its nice and advanced scholarship and pious management, in which Rev. Hector McNeill, snd Rev. E McNair, D. D., not to mention others, were prepared for the Ministry. Rev. J. R. McIntosh was a student in this school and was afterwards graduated from Hampden Sidney College. He was, for a long term of years, Pastor of Centre church, where, under his leadership, Floral College was established.

Rev. Angus C. McNeill established and conducted with great success a school of high grade for boys and girls at Carthage. It was perpetuated on his retirement by Archie Black, Murdoch McLeod and W. J. Stewart, successively and successfully. It went down under the failing health of Mr. Stewart at last, and was re-opened in 1887 by Rev M. McG. Shields now the popular and useful Pastor of Cameron, Union and Cypress churches, and numbered, under his management, one hundred and forty pupils The school has since passed into other hands.

We are compelled, for the want of definite information to do no more than barely mention the names of the McLean school for boys, near Floral College, John C. McNair's school for boys at St. Pauls, Rev. Malcolm McNair's school (Tusculum), the Bingham's school and the school taught by Rev. D McGilvary, D. D., at Pittsboro, and record the testimony that there were many others scattered over our bounds, most, if not all, of such excellence as to prepare men in the highest sense of the word education for the Ministry, for the Bar, and for all the useful and honorable avocations of life.

Turn now from what was to what is. Ponder the answers to our inquiries about the schools of to-day.

Within the bounds of Ashpole, Lebanon and Iona churches, one field for a Pastor, there is only one school, Plainview Academy at Plainview, taught by an under graduate. It is not under the control but its teachers and most of its pupils are Presbyterians. Its condition and prospects are not reported

The reply from Laurinburg is "No school under church control and no school under the control or ownership or management of Presbyterians."

The report from the field embracing St Pauls, Mt Tabor Rock Fish, and Summerville churches is that it contains no school under Presbyterian control, except the school at Summerville aforementioned.

The reply from the field embracing the churches of Laurel Hill, Smyrna, and Midway, shows no school under church control and no school entirely under the ownership control or management of Presbyterians. There is one in which the management is shared by an Elder. Of its condition and prospects no mention is made.

The report from the field which comprises Antioch, Red Springs, and Philadelphus churches, shows no schools under church control, but two schools in exclusive charge of Presbyterians. The schools in operation are: A classical school at Red Springs and a High School at Antioch and both in a flourishing condition, having about forty pupils each The teacher of the latter is not a graduate, but of the former an Elder and graduate.

The report from the charge which embraces Maxton and Centre churches, shows no school under direct church control. At Maxton, there are two schools taught by ladies, both of whom are Presbyterians, and one contains forty and the other forty-five pupils. The Floral Callege property, worth about $2,500 00, is located in this charge and is owned by Presbyterians, but is not used at present for school purposes

The report from the field which comprises the churches of Galatia, McPherson, Long Street, Sandy Grove, church of Covenant and China Grove churches, shows no higher education than is taught in the schools familiarly known as "Common Schools."

The report from the field covered by Pee Dee and Sharon churches, shows no schools under church control or the control of Presbyterians.

The report from the charge that covers Bluff and Dunn churches is in these words: "We have no Parochial schools * * all are mixed. both as to Principals and directors "

The report from the charge that includes Montpelier, Bethel, Bethesda and Keyser churches, is in the following language: "I am sorry to say that we have not in our vicinity any such schools as those after which you are inquiring. We hope, however, in the near future, to have one."

The report from Fayetteville shows no school under church control but one taught by ladies who are Presbyterians Of its condition and prospects nothing is told us

The report from the field embraced by Buffalo, Pocket, Salem and Jonesboro churches, shows no school under church control, but one school at Pocket taught by a Presbyterian. There is a High School at Jonesboro under the auspices of the Methodist church, and among the trustees and teachers and pupils of which are found Presbyterians

At Aberdeen a Presbyterian teaches a school, but of its condition no information has been ascertained.

The report from the field which embraces Lumberton and Lumber Bridge churches, shows no school in it under direct church control. But the Lumberton High School in Lumberton is admirably conducted, and its Principal and Proprietor is an Elder in Lumberton church and the Treasurer of our Presbytery. Lumber Bridge High School, hard by Lumber Bridge church, is doing good work and its Principal is a member of Lumber Bridge church.

The report from the Chatham field shows no school under direct church control, but a school at Pittsboro taught by a Deacon of that church, S S. Jackson, Esq., and also a school at Gulf with a lady Principal, who is a Presbyterian.

From Montgomery county we have had no report, but our late Evangelist, Rev. A R. Shaw, reported to the Evangelistic Committee after a visit to that county during the past year, that schools of a higher grade were greatly needed there.

The foregoing outlines of the history of schools and educational work, places the past and present in sharp contrast in many respects that are discreditable to the Presbytery and its churches of to-day, and to the highest degree lamentable

The living actors in the drama of the present show obviously, less enterprise than those of the past, in the matter of establishing and supporting schools; and they exhibit much less regard, both for the scholarly equipment, the course of study, and the religious character of the few schools that to-day have the form of existence.

The value of christian and higher education has plainly enough so declined in the estimation of our people that the sacrifices our fathers made for its diffusion, seems to be disappearing from the great body of our people.

A prominent feature of the policy of the Fathers as they builded in the wilds, now embraced in the bounds of our Presbytery, was the natural outcome of the sound indoctrination which they brought with them from Scotland, concerning the value and paramount importance of church and christian education. Along with the erection of houses to live in, there went up, therefore, in every settlement, churches, and along side churches, school houses. With this pious yeomanry, schools for the education of the young manned by the ripest scholarship and disciplined by the highest type of christian tuition were sacred to their hearts, like their houses of worship and their homes. And as a consequence, there was a sweep of years in the State's annals when the concession was general that no other section of the commonwealth possessed so wide a diffusion of the highest and purest intelligence as the sand hills on which rest our homes to-day.

The reasons for the fearful educational retrogression, which this report shows, and from which our church has, for decades, been suffering so greatly, are not hard to find. The chief reason, therefore, has been the gradual fading from sight of the true conception of the nature and significance of education with which our fathers were surcharged and which was never out of view when they were laying their foundations for church and State. Their view of the value and character of education, was the natural séquence of the sore experiences through which they had passed in their bitter and heroic contests with the world in their Fatherland. Their eventful and varied fortunes, which were made up of fierce and bloody struggles for the faith once delivered to the saints, had taught them how to value and to maintain the priceless power of a thoroughly christianized education· In other words, they had learned, in the sore school of experience' what the word of God inculcates concerning the necessity of education in order to conserve the best, and strongest social life and purest and most truly aggressive church.

As a fact, both tradition and the written story of church work in our bounds during the past hundred years, show, that our church has exhibited, all along, vitality and growth in proportion to the extent it has fostered schools like those the fathers planted, as they builded when they first settled within the seven counties, Montgomery, Chatham, Moore, Harnette, Cumberland, Robeson and Richmond, which are now embraced in our Presbytery.

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1892.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	NO. ON ROLL.		AVR'GE ATT'ANCE		Scholars Admitted to the Communion	CON'T'NS OF SCHOOLS.	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.		For their own Expenses.	For Other Purposes.
Ashpole	11	150	8	100	19	$ 20 00	$ ....
Antioch	16	175	14	110	13	....	....
Buffalo	11	63	8	33	2	....	....
Bethesda	5	62	3	14	..	26 53	25 80
Big Rockfish	8	65	6	42	..	1 90	2 30
Bethel	6	98	6	72	..	9 44	8 00
Bluff	13	118	12	100	..	8 25	6 05
Barbacue	4	46	3	17	..	3 00	37 59
Centre	13	165	11	80	..	70 27	....
Carthage	9	66	7	45	..	68 09	50 16
Cameron	6	50	4	30	1	10 00	....
Covenant	5	50	3	30	2	8 00	10 00
Culdee	8	66	7	37	..	1 87	....
Flat Branch	12	81	8	36	2	2 15	....
Fayetteville	24	190	19	155	..	74 66	16 66
Galatia	9	115	8	80	3	20 50	42 42
Haywood	4	30	3	20	1	5 00	....
Jonesboro	10	75	9	45	1	21 88	8 47
Iona	3	40	3	25	..	4 00	....
Longstreet	11	50	6	32	1	6 75	....
Laurinburg	15	175	11	90	..	165 81	45 10
Lumber Bridge	6	75	6	50	..	22 00	3 58
Laurel Hill	12	77	8	50	..	9 50	14 39
Maxton	18	144	13	95	..	215 00	70 99
Mt. Tabor	2	38	2	25	..	1 75	....
McPherson	4	42	4	23	2	8 80	13 56
Midway	7	65	5	40	5	12 45	15 93
Mt. Pisgah	7	48	7	48	..	....	....
Mt. Vernon	3	30	3	25	4	2 50	....
Pocket	6	37	5	27	..	7 19	5 50
Philadelphus	4	65	3	37	..	4 92	3 01
Red Springs	5	32	4	30	1	19 29	2 23
Rockingham	6	40	4	30	..	9 48	2 98
Summerville	3	35	2	23	1	3 00	....
St. Pauls	9	70	9	60	..	14 35	....
St. Andrews	7	46	5	29	..	7 37	....
Shiloh	8	43	7	23	1	....	....
Salem	8	35	3	30	..	6 27	....
Sandy Grove	10	47	11	36	..	1 85	20 06
Union	9	51	6	25	25	5 75	4 05
White Hill	9	79	7	34	3	10 10	....
Ellerbe Springs	2	28	2	14	..	2 25	....
Lumberton	12	70	7	31	..	26 00	....
Dunn	4	36	4	36	..	3 29	....
Total	359	3.153	184	2,004	87	$ 906 21	$ 408 83

Sixty Sabbath-schools have been reported to this meeting of Presbytery from forty-four churches. This is an increase of eight Sabbath-schools. From nineteen of our churches no schools have been reported. Well nigh all of the schools reported are under the supervision and control of the Sessions A small proportion of the Pastors and Supplies do not preach to the children of the church exclusively. The lesson helps of our church are read generally. The reports of thirty-nine of our schools show that no collections are made according to the Assembly's recommendation. Five make collections for Foreign Missions With the exception of one church no special Sabbath-school work is done for the colored people in our bounds, as they have their own schools. Under the auspices of Presbytery an Annual Sabbath-school Convention is held.

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

THE REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1892.

OBJECTS.	NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS CONTRIBUTING.	AMOUNTS.
Sustentation	40	$ 614 67
Evangelistic	43	1,150 50
Invalid Fund	36	202 19
Foreign Missions	48	4.025 04
Education	41	621 49
Publication	28	102 83
Colored Evangelistic Fund	35	122 07
Church Erection	9	71 24
Bible Society	18	134 25
Presbyterial	..	357 00
Pastors' Salary actually paid	..	11,772 00
Congregational	..	4,233 00
Total		$ 23,406 28

Three congregations have contributed to all the nine objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; seven have contributed to eight; twenty-seven have contributed to seven; thirty-one have contributed to six; thirty-four have contributed to five; thirty-nine have contributed to four: forty-four have contributed to three; forty-six have contributed to two; one has contributed to one; seventeen have contributed to none.

Does Presbytery call upon the churches that fail to make any of the collections ordered to give their reasons for failure? No.

STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY,

For the Year Ending April 1, 1892.

THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IT COMPRISES 26 MINISTERS AND 64 CHURCHES, AND HAS UNDER ITS CARE 1 LICENTIATE AND 14 CANDIDATES.

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND CANDIDATES.	POST-OFFICE.	CHURCHES.	OFFICERS.		COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.			S. S. BIBLE CLASSES.		FUNDS COLLECTED.												FOREIGN MISSIONS.									
			Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Whole Number.	Adult.	Infant.	Baptized Non-Communicants.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Synodical Home Missions.	Presbyterial Home Missions.	Gen. Assbly's Home Missions.	Invalid Fund.	Education.	Publication.	Col. Evang. Fund.	Bible Society.	Presbyt'rial Colportage.	Presbyterial Assessment.	Synodical Orphanage.	Pastor's Salary Actually paid.	By Collection.	By Gent's Societies.	By Ladies' Societies.	Extra cent a Day Bonds.	Chil'n's and other Societies.	Total.	Sums actually paid Treas.	Sums from Sabbath-schools.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
J. P. McPherson, Infirm	Jonesboro, N. C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
N. McKay, D. D., Infirm	Summerville "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
A. McMillan, Infirm	Laurinburg "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
D. D. McBryde, S. S	Little River Academy, "	Sardis, S. S	..	..	..	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	$...	$...	$...	$ 4	$ 5	$ 3	$ 4	$...	$...	$ 6	$...	$...	$...	$...	$...	$...	$...	$ 56	$...	$...	$...	$...
" " "	" " " "	Flat Branch, S S	5	5	2	1	121	1	2	49	81	12	5	1	3	3	2	2	2	..	..	3	..	165	7 07	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..
" " "	" " " "	Barbacue, S. S	4	5	3	4	113	2	10	..	40	4	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	190	5 00	..	..	..	..	5	21	..	32	..
Joseph Evans, P	Rowland "	Ashpole, P	11	8	20	2	400	..	18	..	150	11	82	75	4	7	9	5	3	11	4	27	15	800	72 00	..	165 22	..	20 88	258	..	20	434	..
" " "	" "	Iona, P	4	3	..	..	45	..	8	8	40	3	10	..	..	2	5	2	..	3	5	6	..	204	..	..	11 05	..	11 40	22	..	..	..	..
" " S. S	" "	Lebanon, S. S	2	1	..	..	30	..	2	10	..	..	4	..	2	2	2	..	2	2	3	..	..	90	3 00	..	77 00	..	..	80	..	..	..	..
A. McQueen, S. S	Queensdale "	Shiloh, S. S	4	3	6	..	60	3	3	..	43	8	..	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	4 07	..	..	2 60	251	12	..	..	..	60
" " "	" "	Philippi, S S	..	..	..	..	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	4	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..
H. G. Hill, D. D., P	Maxton "	Maxton, P	5	6	..	2	115	..	1	..	144	18	35	60	25	22	63	4	16	18	11	20	43	600	36 01	29 67	115 12	..	44 11	825	307	286	67	..
" " " "	" "	Centre, P	6	8	1	1	239	1	4	100	165	13	11	40	12	6	21	..	7	8	12	20	..	600	46 44	105 00	97 36	33 45	15 62	298	148	38	27	2
" " " S. S	" "	Bethlehem, S. S	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
David Fairley, P	Manchester "	Church of the Covenant, P	1	..	4	..	25	2	..	15	50	5	2	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	15 86	..	30 70	..	..	47	58	..	..	..
" " S. S	" "	Galatia, S. S	7	6	..	..	298	..	..	..	115	8	..	23	..	6	5	..	4	..	7	..	..	250	22 76	..	12 46	..	..	36	81	..	..	..
" " "	" "	China Grove, S. S	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" " "	" "	Sandy Grove, S. S	7	2	2	..	125	..	5	70	44	10	..	12	..	3	4	..	1	..	3	10	..	225	15 01	..	6 20	..	..	56	67	18	..	..
" " "	" "	Long Street, S. S	4	6	1	..	77	..	3	30	50	11	1	4	2	2	2	..	1	..	2	4	..	85	18 46	..	..	..	..	18	37	..	7	..
" " "	" "	McPherson, S. S	5	3	4	..	90	1	1	42	42	4	2	9	..	2	2	..	1	..	1	5	..	131	26 54	..	23 40	..	..	53	..	22	131	17
A. N. Ferguson, P	Laurinburg "	Laurel Hill, P	9	3	13	4	200	..	5	..	77	12	62	71	32	7	32	10	7	9	14	20	26	400	30 65	56 57	40 11	..	..	237	486	17	100	43
" " S. S	" "	Smyrna, S. S	5	2	1	..	80	..	1	..	70	4	7	13	12	3	13	3	2	2	6	10	7	316	28 10	..	45 15	..	..	73	135	..	8	..
" " "	" "	Midway, S. S	3	3	5	4	85	2	..	3	65	7	2	13	7	2	1	..	2	3	2	..	5	100	2 05	..	40 04	..	9 45	52	..	12	41	..
K. M. McIntyre, S. S	Endicott "	Ben Salem, S. S	7	6	..	..	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	1	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..
" " "	" "	Macedonia, S. S	..	..	..	..	135	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. S. Black, P. E	St. Pauls "	Summerville, P. E	3	3	3	2	108	..	2	72	35	3	37	10	5	..	4	3	3	..	4	..	..	200	28 00	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..
" " S. S	" "	St. Pauls, S. S	5	4	..	1	229	..	..	74	70	9	29	100	..	20	37	..	4	7	20	15	12	309	75 46	..	21 00	40 00	12 98	149	..	14	421	..
" " "	" "	Mt. Tabor, S. S	2	1	..	..	61	..	..	21	38	2	3	3	..	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	80	2 00	..	25 40	..	..	27	..	..	..	..
" " "	" "	Big Rockfish, S. S	4	5	12	..	155	3	12	..	65	8	5	12	..	..	5	..	..	5	2	8	..	123	8 00	..	7 00	..	..	17	..	..	..	..
P. R. Law, P	Lumberton "	Lumberton, P	4	3	9	..	92	..	6	36	70	12	6	16	4	2	10	2	2	7	2	10	28	525	28 39	24 15	52 65	..	20 06	125	..	20	53	15
" " S. S	" "	Lumber Bridge, S. S	7	5	5	8	269	2	2	32	75	6	25	63	29	9	26	..	4	6	11	20	9	450	51 48	..	59 57	139 30	29 02	274	411	8	437	..
J. W. Johnson, S. S	Aberdeen "	Bethesda, S. S	6	2	3	..	128	1	3	..	62	5	26	54	8	7	7	..	5	8	16	12	35	313	43 00	..	45 00	..	30 00	118	175	..	..	11
" " "	" "	Bethel, S. S	5	6	1	1	140	..	2	..	98	6	3	9	1	2	6	3	4	..	3	15	..	266	22 98	..	57 75	..	..	49	90	17	10	..
" " "	" "	Montpelier, S. S	3	2	..	4	55	..	..	30	58	8	5	8	1	2	..	..	2	3	3	..	..	200	9 68	..	23 80	..	..	33	85	82	35	10
" " "	" "	Keyser, S. S	2	2	2	1	28	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	5	12	135	8 97	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..
A. Currie, W. C	Efland "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. M. Clark, P	Red Springs "	Red Springs, P	5	3	2	1	59	..	1	..	32	5	1	26	..	2	10	..	2	2	2	..	3	153	27 03	3 35	4 38	..	..	30	75	23	50	.
" " "	" "	Philadelphus, P	7	4	..	..	102	..	1	4	65	4	6	6	5	1	3	..	..	7	2	8	..	169	11 14	9 30	15 05	..	4 56	47	95	7	27	.
" " "	" "	Antioch, P	9	7	13	1	248	3	3	..	175	14	10	30	6	..	5	..	..	9	..	12	17	339	23 87	8 77	31 29	..	5 00	71	161	..	17	.
K. A. McLeod, P	Mt. Gilead "	Sharon, P	..	..	..	..	65	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	..	..	..	.
" " "	" "	Pee Dee, P	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	19	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	..	..	..	.
M. N. McIver, W. C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
W. F. Thom, S. S	Ore Hill "	Mt. Vernon Springs, S. S	2	2	6	2	40	3	3	19	30	3	1	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	86	3 00	..	18 00	..	..	21	..	..	..	10
" " "	" "	Haywood, S. S	2	2	1	2	30	1	..	7	20	4	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 00	..	..	5	..	..	..	..
" " P	" "	Pittsboro, P	5	2	..	..	25	..	..	3	..	..	8	15	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	7	86	7 30	..	4 60	..	..	12	36	..	91	..
" " P	" "	Gulf, P	2	2	6	..	27	2	..	7	18	6	..	30	7	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	115	..	..	..	..	..	66	..	..	5	50
G. A. Hough, S. S	Godwin "	Bluff, S. S	6	4	25	..	275	8	17	..	78	13	..	26	..	6	25	..	7	..	3	15	19	600	48 00	..	20 00	..	..	68	..	15	4	..
" " "	" "	Dunn, S. S	3	2	4	4	37	3	2	3	36	4	..	9	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	..	168	28 83	..	..	..	..	29	48	3	45	..
M. McG. Shields, P	Cameron "	Cameron, P	6	2	1	2	85	..	3	25	50	6	6	20	..	2	4	..	..	2	1	8	..	200	7 65	..	44 55	..	..	62	96	10	..	..
" " " "	" "	Union, P	9	8	4	2	200	1	2	..	57	9	6	22	..	3	6	..	2	..	6	16	..	188	6 62	..	31 60	..	..	41	..	5	..	..
" " " "	" "	Cypress, P	6	5	3	..	160	1	4	61	..	..	2	21	3	1	..	..	..	..	5	7	..	200	10 65	..	13 05	..	..	24	65	..	80	..
D. N. McLauchlin, P	Jonesboro "	Jonesboro, P	2	3	1	6	60	..	2	21	75	10	4	4	4	3	3	..	3	..	4	10	5	104	6 33	12 25	41 85	..	8 47	69	98	8	321	..
" " P	" "	Buffalo, P	5	4	7	3	116	3	1	26	63	11	5	3	12	6	5	..	3	..	3	12	..	102	9 01	9 01	16 30	..	..	35	74	..	84	..
" " P	" "	Pocket, P	4	4	..	..	60	..	..	..	37	6	6	3	4	..	2	..	1	..	2	7	..	122	..	..	18 30	..	5 50	20	19	2	..	9
" " P	" "	Salem, P	3	3	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	62	2 93	..	..	..	..	3	6	6	79	..
J. M. Rose, Syn. Evangelist	Fayetteville "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
W. B. Arrowood, P. E	Laurinburg "	Laurinburg, P. E	6	5	2	13	244	..	17	126	175	15	77	83	36	21	203	..	15	16	21	25	66	1,021	213 42	170 95	150 85	..	16 27	551	934	212	299	88
W. M. Eldridge, P. E	Carthage "	Carthage, P. E	9	11	..	4	175	..	..	25	67	9	6	25	..	5	10	4	2	4	..	15	50	474	27 89	..	8 35	..	21 50	58	84	..	237	..
" " S. S	" "	Euphronia, S. S	..	..	..	..	87	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..
" " "	" "	Culdee, S. S	4	..	..	..	77	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 36	..	8 05	..	..	9	..	..	..	..
D. W. Fox, S. S. E	Rockingham "	Rockingham, S. S E	4	4	1	2	78	..	..	19	40	6	..	1	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	10	95	4 26	..	16 00	..	6 00	26	99	12	39	1
" " "	" "	Jackson Spring, S. S. E	4	4	..	..	134	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	13 65	..	22 81	..	13 30	50	81	..	..	36
" " "	" "	Ellerbe Springs, S. S. E	6	5	2	..	65	1	2	..	28	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	9	..	..	..
" " "	" "	Mt. Carmel, S. S. E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" " "	" "	Mark's Creek, S. S. E	..	..	..	..	107	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..
A. J. McKelway, P. E	Fayetteville "	Fayetteville, P. E	7	7	..	2	238	..	2	..	190	24	50	25	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	30	9	700	27 76	..	106 62	70 86	12 73	218	..	56	1,022	375
..	..	Sherwood, V	..	..	..	..	76	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	White Hill, V	8	4	3	1	111	3	1	1	79	9	2	5	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	113	12 61	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..
Candidates, fourteen		Mt. Pisgah, V	5	4	8	..	120	7	6	..	48	7	4	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	73	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	33	..
Licentiate, one:		St. Andrews, V	4	6	4	1	178	..	3	98	46	7	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	288	21 50	..	..	..	..	22	66	..	2	..
D. M. McIver	Lemon Springs "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	..	..	263	210	190	81	7,252	54	161	1,037	3,196	363	$561	$990	$231	$199	$649	$55	$104	$135	$177	$357	$373	$11,228	$1,728	$431	$1,501	$281	$289	$4,688	$4,028	$853	$4,233	$727

Licensures, 3; Ordinations, 2; Installations, 11; Pastoral Relations dissolved, 1; Churches organized, 0; Churches dissolved, 0; Churches received from other denominations, 0; Churches dismissed to other denominations, 0; Ministers received from other denominations, 0; Ministers dismissed to other denominations, 0. The Rev. James McQueen has been removed by death since our last report.

By order of the Presbytery,

P. R. LAW, Stated Clerk.

TABULATED REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY,

From April 1, 1891, to April 1, 1892.

CHURCHES.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.							SUSTENTATION.		EVANGELISTIC FUND				Publication.	Invalid Fund.	Colportage.	Education.	Church Erection	Synodical Orphanage.	American Bible Society.	Presbyterial.	Totals.
	Churches.	Ladies' Societies.	Men's Societies.	Children's Societies.	Sunday-Schools.	Children's Day.	Total.	Presbyterial H. Missions.	Assembly.	White.	Colored.	Presby-terial.	Synodical.									
Antioch	$ 26 89	$ 31 29	$ 9 77	$ 5 00	$......	$......	$ 72 95	$......	$ 3 83	$ 2 55	$......	$ 49 09	13 96	$......	$......	$......	$ 5 05	$......	$......	$......	10 00	$ 158 13
Ashpole	72 00	165 22		20 88			258 10		15 00	4 04	3 00	75 00	30 04	5 00	7 00	4 00	8 92				54 00	464 10
Haywood												5 00										5 00
Ben Salem	11 81	6 30					18 11		4 39	8 81	1 32			1 48	1 55		3 16	1 88			8 94	49 64
Bethesda	32 50	35 70			7 67		75 87				5 50	54 00	31 00		7 00	16 06	7 00			8 00	12 00	216 43
Bethel	40 48	7 75					48 23			11 97	7 49	9 63	14 38	2 33	2 47	6 03	8 31	3 65		2 67	30 00	147 16
Bethlehem	1 77						1 77	30	1 60	1 58	69	6 63	1 02	60	88	63						15 70
Big Rockfish	8 00	7 00			2 40		17 40			8 00		10 17			5 00	2 00					8 00	50 57
Bluff	46 44	21 45					67 89		11 00	16 50	7 00	10 00			6 00	3 00	25 00		19 00		12 00	177 39
Buffalo	18 15	7 50					25 65		5 60	12 04					6 45		5 83				12 50	68 07
Cameron	7 65	54 45					62 10	6 92	1 50			11 99	5 99		2 01	1 51	3 94			1 53	8 00	105 04
Carthage	18 60	5 85				9 00	33 45					17 00	6 44								15 00	71 89
Centre	37 39	97 16		17 72		20 00	172 27		19 17	12 49	6 97	41 40	46 76	7 30	6 45	2 90	21 47	7 29		10 40	20 00	374 87
Church of the Covenant	29 36	17 29					46 65			2 10	70		1 61		1 31	2 33	2 53		20			57 43
Cypress	10 65	2 05					12 70	4 79	3 54			19 16	2 38		1 88	4 96					7 00	56 41
Culdee	1 55	9 50					11 05		1 56	1 56			1 00								3 00	28 62
Dunn	24 44	4 39					28 83		3 77	4 95	2 28					4 15	1 40					45 38
Ellerbe Springs		11 35					11 35															11 35
Euphronia	10 13						10 13			1 60	5 54											17 27
Fayetteville		107 80			7 95		115 75		20 40			65 93	87 50		15 25						30 00	384 83
Flat Branch	11 07						11 07		3 50	4 00	2 00	2 57	1 00	4 00	3 00		5 50	4 00			3 00	43 64
Galatia	10 68	27 11					37 79		3 54			9 39		2 72	6 37	7 15	3 50				4 10	74 56
" Glen Echo S. S					26 00		26 00															26 00
Gulf	10 00	28 00		8 45			46 45	7 30	6 92		1 00	19 11	4 54	1 43	1 00		1 00				3 00	91 75
Iona		11 05		7 15		4 25	22 45					15 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	4 56					61 01
Jackson Springs		20 58					20 58			8 55		8 35			6 65							44 13
Jonesboro	9 26	41 85			9 63		60 74	4 30		4 00	5 01	2 22	4 50		3 33	3 76	3 57		4 50		10 00	105 93
Keyser												11 88					1 57				5 00	18 45
Laurinburg	154 91	105 55	120 45	7 26	26 78	5 23	420 18	52 24	31 02	14 62	14 94	61 37	36 96		17 14		61 26					709 73
Laurel Hill	30 65	90 69	60 79	36 40	14 40		232 93	20 55	8 26	24 10	7 00	50 00	41 85	9 75	6 86	14 30	31 60			9 00	20 00	130 20
Lebanon	3 00	77 00					80 00			2 00	2 00		4 00		2 00	3 00	3 00					96 00
Long Street	18 46						18 46			2 55	1 06	1 76	1 45		1 44	2 54	1 85				4 00	35 11
Lumber Bridge	104 91	46 74		51 71	8 85	12 04	224 25		6 03	9 35	3 94	62 48	29 00		9 47	10 67	10 36		9 30	6 06		380 91
Lumberton	28 39	52 65	24 15	20 06			125 25		1 40	2 60	2 15		8 05		2 00		9 32		28 42	7 02	10 00	196 21
Macedonia										13 74											10 00	23 74
Mark's Creek		11 80					11 80			2 10											3 40	17 30
Maxton	28 96	131 77		10 00		44 11	214 84	17 11	10 60	24 83	15 74	4 24	29 66	4 43	22 17	6 52	14 63		46 11	5 27	20 00	436 15
" J. C. McCaskill							600 00															600 00
Midway	2 05	23 95		16 14		9 45	51 59	5 00	3 72	4 00	1 76	8 00	2 30		2 44	2 60	70			1 00	3 00	86 11
McPherson	18 12	22 65				12 48	53 25	2 15	1 66	1 00	1 16		2 30		2 38	1 05	1 50					66 45
Montpelier		13 00				9 00	22 00															22 00
Mt. Tabor	8 30	18 90					27 20	3 00			1 00		3 00		1 00		3 00				5 00	43 20
Mt. Carmel												8 55										8 55
Mt. Pisgah	2 00						2 00		2 00	1 00	1 00	20	4 55	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	10 00	29 75
Mt. Vernon	3 00	12 95		4 80			20 75	5 00	2 00	1 00			1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			2 50	36 25
Ore Hill																						
Pee Dee	33 09	28 55			2 60		64 24		9 70	12 52	2 00	10 00	11 56		6 00		19 40					135 42
Pike	1 15						1 15			3 02							1 09					5 26
Pittsboro								7 00					5 00									12 00
Philadelphus	18 76	15 05	9 30	4 56			47 67	6 16	2 44	84	1 28		5 36	1 46	1 96	2 16	1 68	2 10			7 75	80 86
Philippi	1 58			10 60			12 18		1 92			11 87		1 73	1 73	2 25	5 56				7 50	45 14
Pocket	1 96	18 50					20 46	1 86	1 86	4 95	1 26					2 49	2 25				10 15	45 28
Red Springs	17 78						17 78			4 48		21 70	3 79	1 57	2 18	1 94	9 97			1 59		65 00
Rockingham				16 00		1 93	17 93															17 93
Salem									2 60						2 27						3 00	7 87
Sandy Grove	15 01	13 65			27 42		56 08		5 28	4 24	1 20	14 05			2 90	3 11	4 91	3 47	1 95		20 35	117 45
Sharon	8 00	30 73					38 73			2 50					1 50		1 50				4 00	48 23
Sherwood										10 00												10 00
Shiloh	3 57			2 44			6 01								61		3 31				3 00	12 93
St. Andrews	21 50						21 50			6 50		12 00	6 50			2 50					10 00	59 00
Smyrna	42 50	30 75			2 66		75 91	4 75	3 00	11 25	2 15	7 80	7 05	6 35	3 00	4 15	13 70			2 00	10 00	151 11
St. Pauls	63 90	26 00		37 16		21 58 }	151 04			29 28	4 48	75 00			19 97	20 29	26 41		12 00		15 00	353 47
" " R. S. Burns	2 40					}																
Summerville									9 85	4 55	6 73	3 31		3 20	4 52		34 73	3 63			10 00	80 52
Union	17 12	24 60					41 72	13 79		8 09	2 33		6 56		2 77	6 05	5 86				35 00	122 17
White Hill	12 61						12 61		3 31			3 63	2 06				3 74				9 20	34 55
Sardis	15 66	40 00					55 66	5 31	3 55	5 28	4 17	3 36	3 36	2 59	4 38	8 37	4 73				6 00	106 76
Presbyterial Collection							59 75															59 75
C. S. Christmas Gift							1 00															1 00
Fayetteville S. S									1 00		1 84	9 07		1 10	2 32	1 06	1 85	2 47				20 72
Rev. A. R. Shaw												15 00										15 00
Miss Mary McLeod												10 00										10 00
Mr. Biggs												10 00										10 00
R. O. Page												10 00										10 00
Candor										6 60												6 60
El Dorado												6 00										6 00
Star												3 00										3 00
Totals	$ 1,718 16	$ 1,556 12	$ 224 46	$ 276 33	$ 136 36	$ 149 07	$ 4,121 25	$ 167 53	$ 219 56	$ 321 78	$ 127 78	$ 862 60	$ 480 79	$ 60 04	$ 210 61	$ 160 53	$ 393 22	30 49	$ 123 48	$ 55 54	$ 494 39	$ 7,829 59
Balance April 1, 1891									113 12		50 00	416 80	1 98			19 99	1 00				106 16	709 05
Aggregate							$ 4,121 25	$ 167 53	$ 332 68	$ 321 78	$ 177 78	$ 1,279 40	$ 482 77	$ 60 04	$ 210 61	180 52	$ 394 22	30 49	$ 123 48	$ 55 54	$ 600 55	$ 8,538 64
Disbursements							4,109 85	27 85	275 00	274 69	126 78	1,279 40	479 77	60 04	209 61	71 09	391 22	30 49	123 48	55 54	485 19	8.000 00
Balance on hand April 1, '92							$ 11 40	$ 139 68	$ 57 68	47 09	$ 51 00		$ 3 00		$ 1 00	$ 109.43	$ 3 00				$ 115 36	$ 538 64

The Scheme of Collections is as follows:

Presbyterial Home Missions—January and August.
Synodical Home Missions—February and June.
Colportage—March.
Education—April and November.
Foreign Missions—May and October.
Invalid Fund—July.
General Assembly's Home Missions—September.
Colored Evagelization—December.